



*"I like it. It covers the stones and softens the world,
and for a while you can relax."*





“Well, I’m sorry if my remarks hurt your feelings, but I think it’s a little unfair of you to blame me. I said those things on the advice of a highly qualified therapist.”







"Mother, this is Randy. Randy loves pockets."



"What's your pleasure—Earl Grey or Prince of Wales?"

1983



M. Ziegler



"Seasonal enough for you, sir?"



"Why, thanks, Rowston. I wish you an enhanced New Year, too."



Ed Arno



“Then you think the President is too Reaganesque?”





“Forget that book. This is must reading.”





*"Harry used to be frightfully fussy about Martinis, but
now he figures what the hell."*



“How can you make jokes in times like these?”





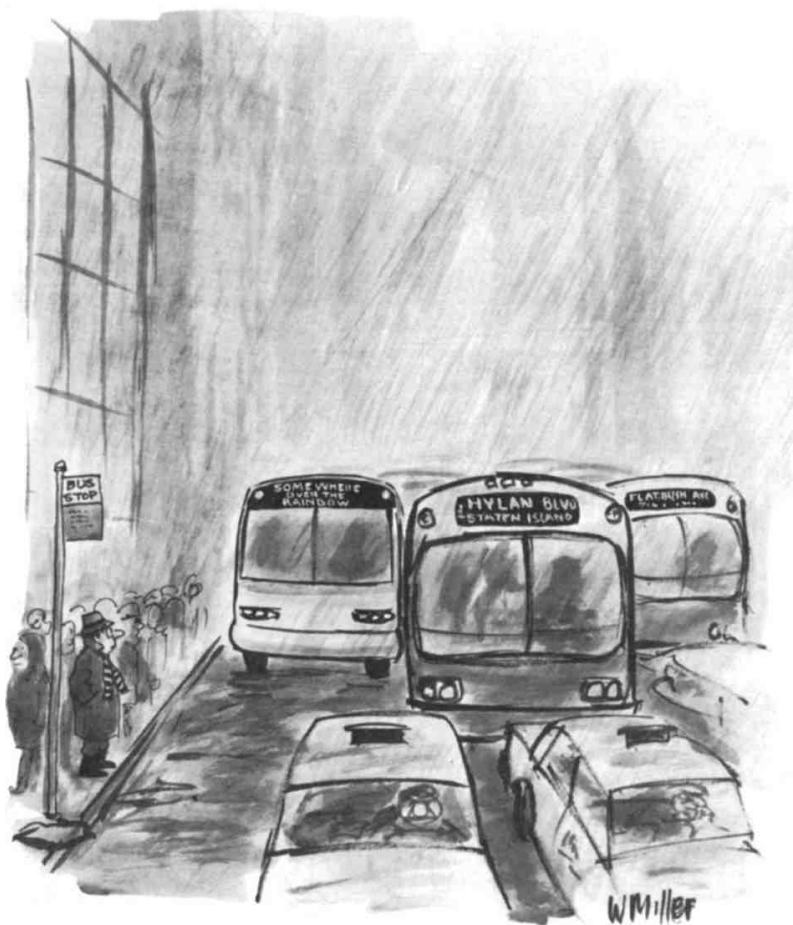
"Whither goeth literature, Emily, there also must I go."



"Sometimes, Ogden, I wish you wouldn't spearhead so many drives."



“Please, Senator Fairchild, you have to leave. You lost.”





"We were hoping L.R. would grow in office, but he hasn't."



"I don't care what the revised forecast for the winter is. The wasps have built their nests higher up in the trees than usual, and that's proof enough for me."



Not Speaking



*"Mr. Silvers will be unable to see you, but his apologist
will be with you in a moment."*



"For reasons I need not go into just now, Marjorie, I have decided to wear a button-down collar all the rest of the way."



*“Remember the good old days when all the economy
needed was a little fine-tuning?”*





Arnie Levin (1/10/1983)



*“That’s settled, then. We’ll all go back to our
respective divisions and act busy.”*



“To another thirty-five years of la comédie humaine.”





“Is that all you can contribute to any conversation—‘Oh, come off it’?”





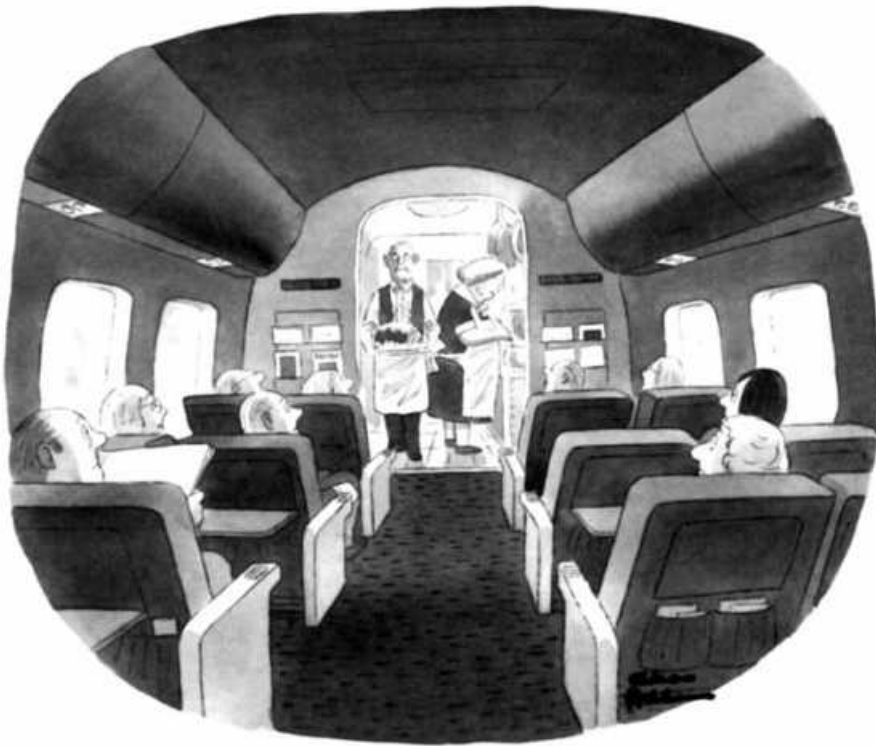
"We are looking for the non-yucky apparel."

THE FAMILY



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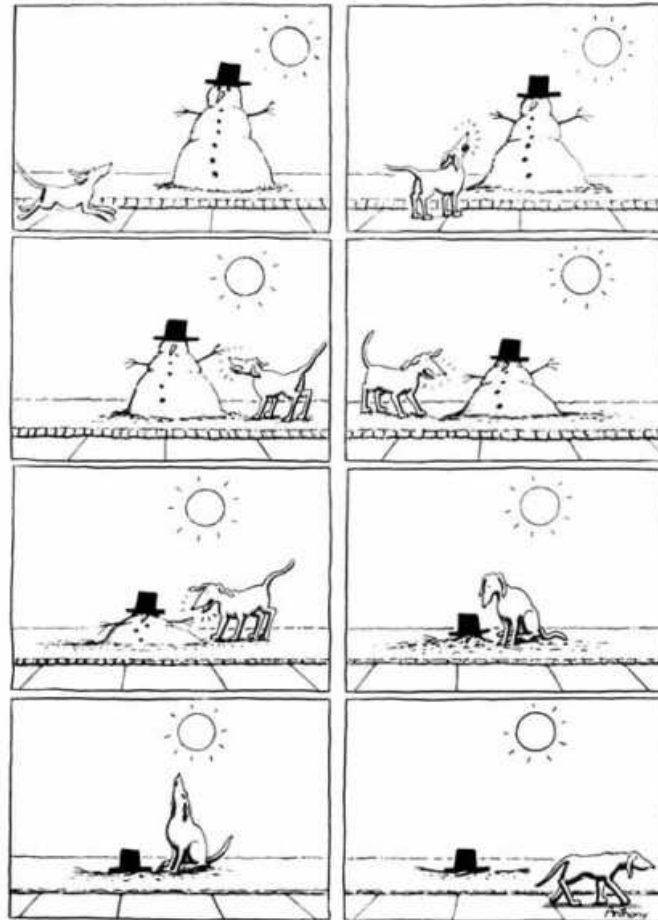




*“I know I’m in the political community, but my role
in it remains something of a mystery.”*



“Apparently, the Merryweathers have a very good relationship although, come to think of it, I don’t believe that’s Mrs. Merryweather.”







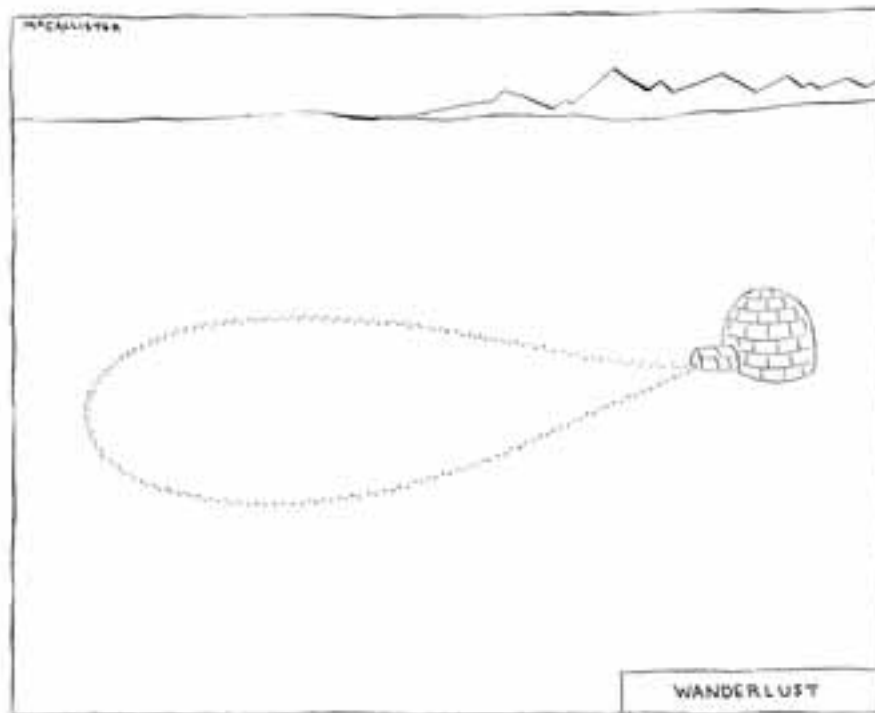
“Nicholas, you are to address me as ‘Larry,’ not ‘sir.’ Is that clear?”







“Very 1983, Madam.”



RECIPES
from the
AMERICAN CHEESE COUNCIL

Cheese Omelette

- 2 eggs
- 5 lb. Swiss cheese
- 1 tbsp. butter

Melt butter in pan. Add eggs and cheese. Cook until done.
Serves 2



Cheese Salad

- 1 tomato
- 1 lb. feta cheese
- 1 mushroom
- 1 lb. blue cheese
- 1 leaf of lettuce
- 1 lb. Parmesan
- 2 lb. cheddar
- 1/2 lb. Camembert
- 1 lb. Muenster
- 1/2 lb. Gruyere

Make everything bite sized, then place in bowl. Serves 6 cheese-loving people.



Cheese Patties

- 6 lb. soft cheese

Form cheese into patties.
Serve on a bun.
Makes enough for 12 patties.



Cheese Pick-Me-Up

- 1/2 cup water
- 1 lb. Brie

Put everything in blender at a high speed. Serve immediately.
Just enough for one.





*"Would you mind waiting out here for a few minutes?
We're having a little misunderstanding."*



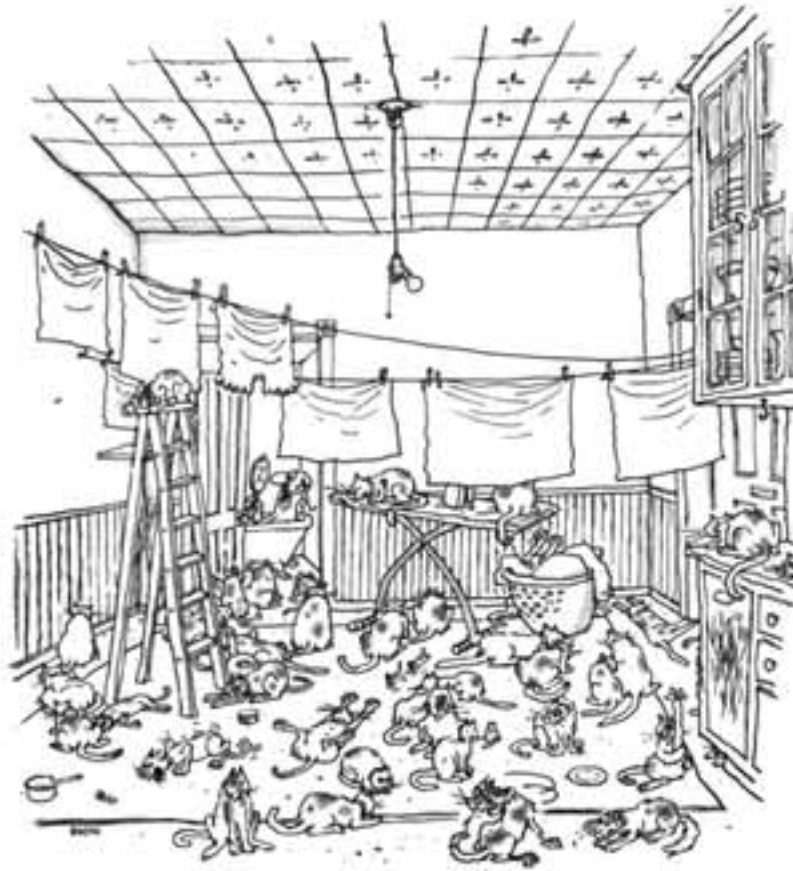
“Last week, interest rates went down again, the Dow-Jones went up, inflation dropped, unemployment dropped, tension between the United States and the Soviet Union eased, our balance of payments stabilized, the gross national product grew very nicely, but still everything seemed to get worse.”





*"It doesn't look good. Some of our nationals are at war
with some of our other nationals."*





"How would I rate, hon, on a scale of one to ten?"







"Now I'll have to stop calling you Tootsie."





“Shorebirds of the Bahamas, scram!”



Customer Returning with Defective Merchandise

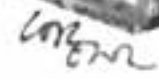




*“Truscott Farnsworth III and his brilliant though
as yet unpublished memoirs.”*



*"The 'Times' says Just as fresh and witty as when it was
filmed in 1933,' and damned if it isn't!"*



Lee Lorenz (1/24/1983)



"Now, don't start complaining till you taste it."



“Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, the bitter truth, the naked truth, the absolute truth, the awful truth, the unadulterated truth, the brutal truth, the simple truth, the painful truth, the pure truth, the harsh truth, the unvarnished truth . . .”



"I knew about the wings, but the webbed feet are a surprise."

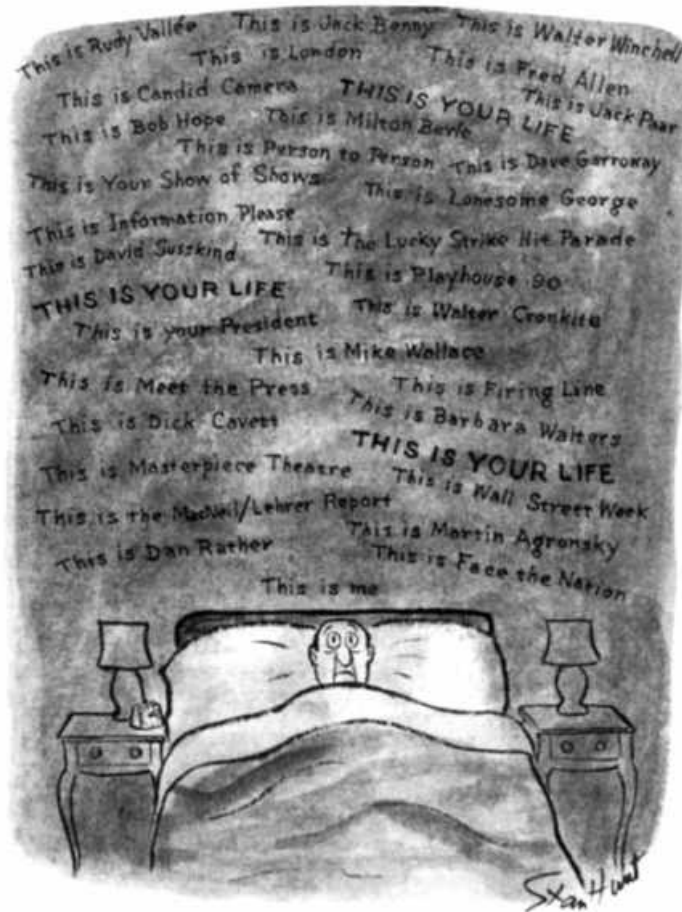


“Well, what should we discuss tonight—the forest or the trees?”



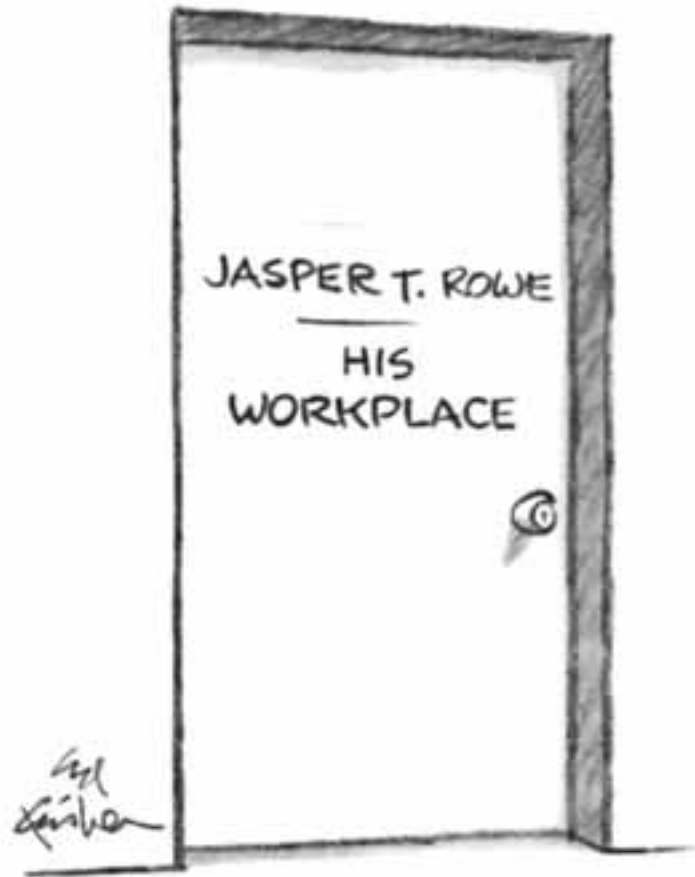


"What do you mean, 'Your guess is as good as mine'? My guess is a hell of a lot better than your guess!"





“Me? A psychological mess?”





“What a nice name that is—Yuri Andropov.”



*“What about that day in 1922 when you
said ‘Shut up’ to your mother?”*



"The Senate met for a few beers today and then recessed until Tuesday."



"I guess I have that indefinable something."



Academy



“Blue-cheese, Thousand Island, or Paul Newman?”





“Lorraine knows only one piece—‘As Time Goes By.’”



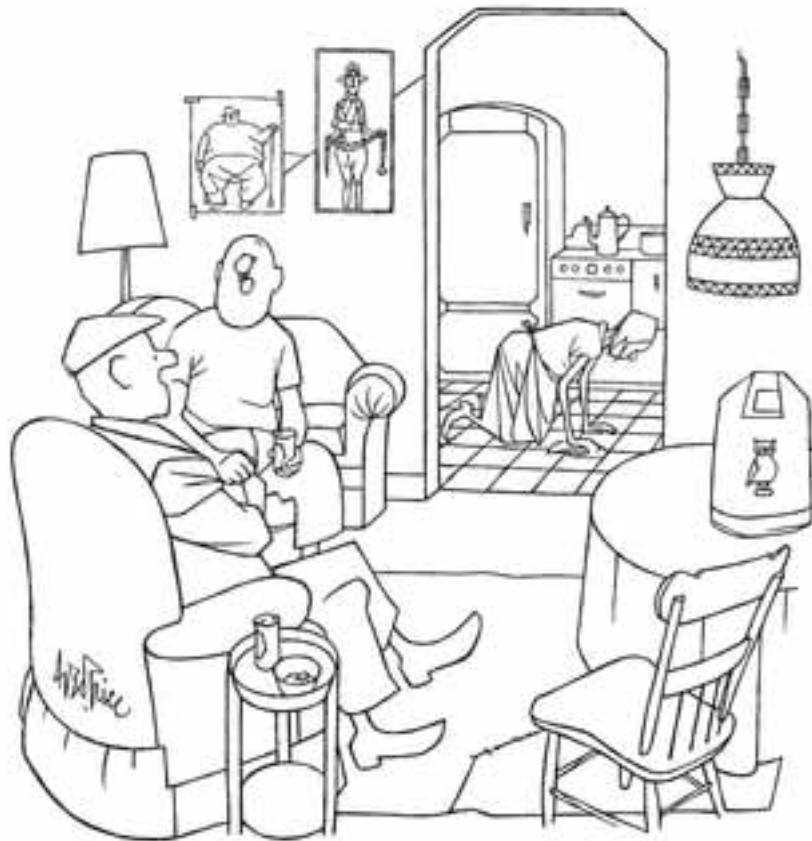
That's fathering.



“Look, Harry, we don’t need the MX missile. What we need is another drink.”



"He's invoking executive privilege again."



*"It's taken her thirty-one years, but, by God,
she's got our marriage working again."*



*“On impulse, Hotchkiss bought himself a pair of jeans today,
but he doesn’t really understand them.”*



"Mrs. Conner is a Valley Girl from way back."







“We’ll be here at the center of your dial, bringing you middle-of-the-road music, with a moderate amount of talk, till a very sensible hour.”



*“Would it be safe to say
that momentum is building for you to get up?”*





“Rhoda, I’m secretly in love with you.”



"I'm very, very fussy when it comes to men."



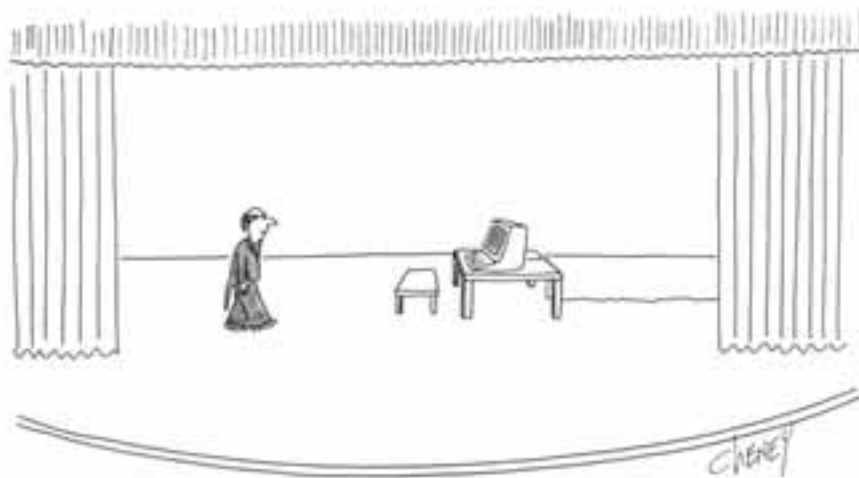


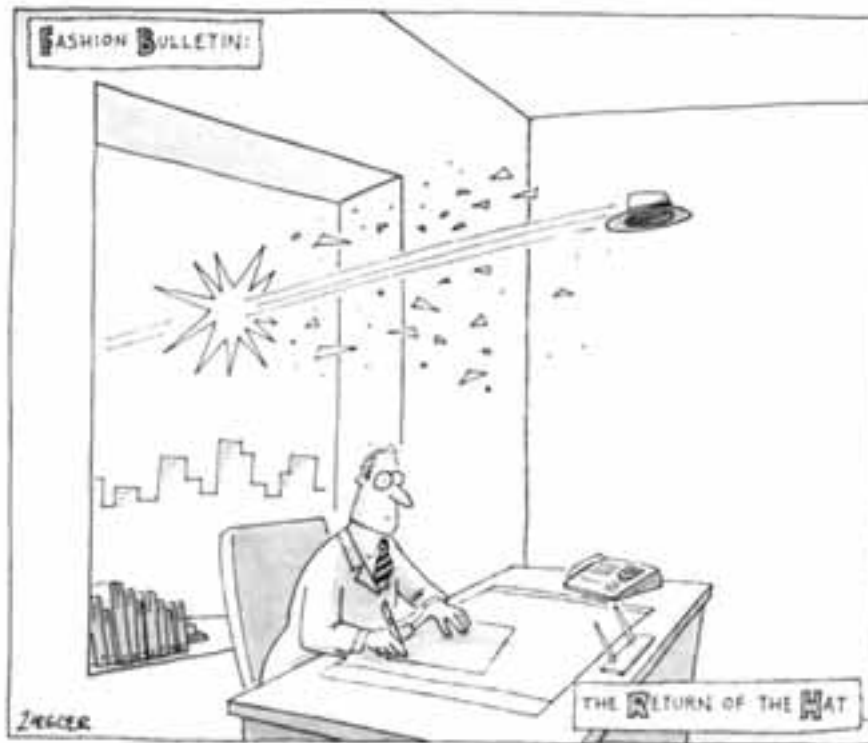
"My broker has a winning attitude, too, but apparently no brains."



"You may switch to the less expensive wine now."

1983







“Speaking to you as a member of the royal sector . . .”



"All in favor of a stiff upper lip raise your hand."



“Mrs. Ritterhouse had a dream last night. She dreamed about firm, fresh cucumbers, their skins uncoated with shelf-life-extending goop; tender zucchini and sweet corn; red, ripe, juicy tomatoes; big bunches of piquant basil; sprigs of herbs such as tarragon and sage. It’s the same dream she had last year in February.”





A Quorum



*"This might appeal. It's wrinkle-free, wash-and-wear,
stain-resistant, and bulletproof."*



*“Latham, this is your grandson. Your grandson is asking you
to take him to Disneyland.”*



"Gordon has escaped into optimism."



“Is it simply your unsupported word, or did anyone actually see you on the night in question writing a biography of Jane Austen?”



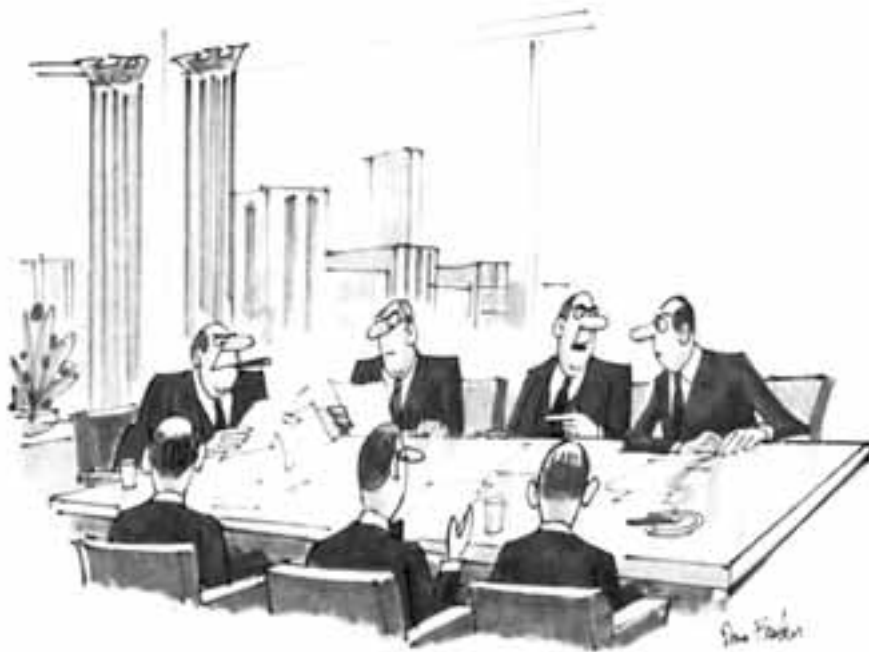




“And with what deep foreboding did you awaken this morning?”



“But I have to say ‘Fresh pepper?’”



*"We used to have a rotating chairmanship, but then
one day he wouldn't rotate."*



"I believe I'll keep the pants."



"Thursdays he swashbuckles."



“If only the artist were up to the atelier.”



“Some old G. I. Joes and me were watching ‘The Winds of War.’”





"Is this the underrated Donald Rice?"



“You will never catch up with the new technology.”

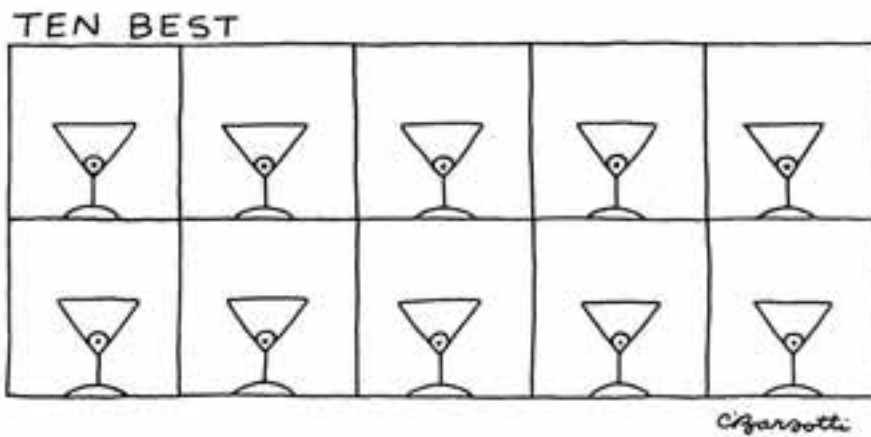


“What do you mean you don’t deserve me?”



Leo Cullum

*"I know a lot of people will say, 'Oh, no—
not another book about cats.'"*





"I don't recall you ever complaining about cold legs."



"Here's your mail, Mr. Bentley—five valentines!"



“Oh, I object now and then, but, as lawyers go, I’m pretty laid back.”



"The past is prologue, the present is prologue, the future is prologue, everything is prologue."



“Damn it, I’m saying the same thing Bill Moyers says. The only difference is that I’m saying it hysterically.”



"My whole career I've worked for a big, big desk. Now that I've got it, you know what I want, Hendricks? A big, big pen."







“Before I make any suggestions, sir, may I ask how committed you are to truly fine cuisine?”



“To begin with, I would like to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you. While there are still profound differences between us, I think the very fact of my presence here today is a major breakthrough.”



*"Her mother cried at our wedding.
Her old man roared like a wounded lion."*



*"Sir, we find there's no way of cutting the military budget
without cutting the military budget."*

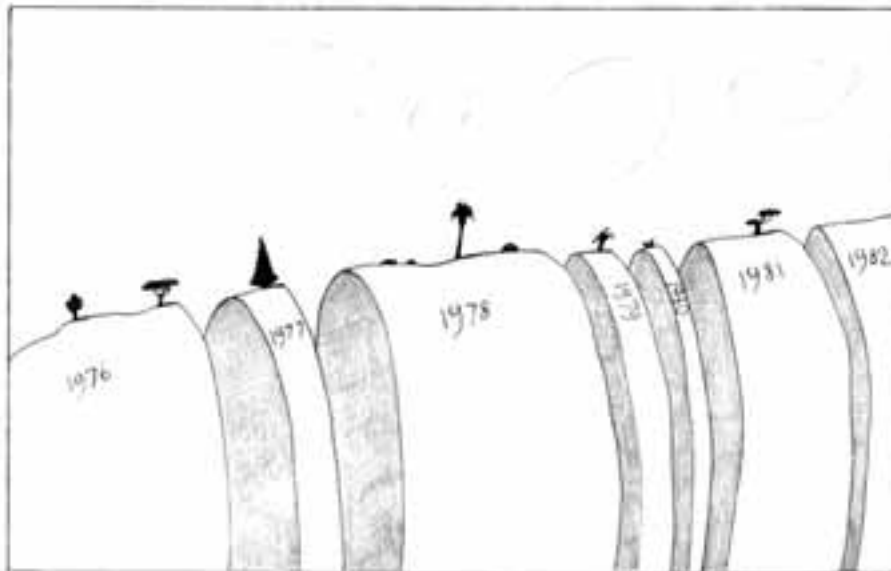


“A grave faux pas, perhaps. But not a major gaffe.”

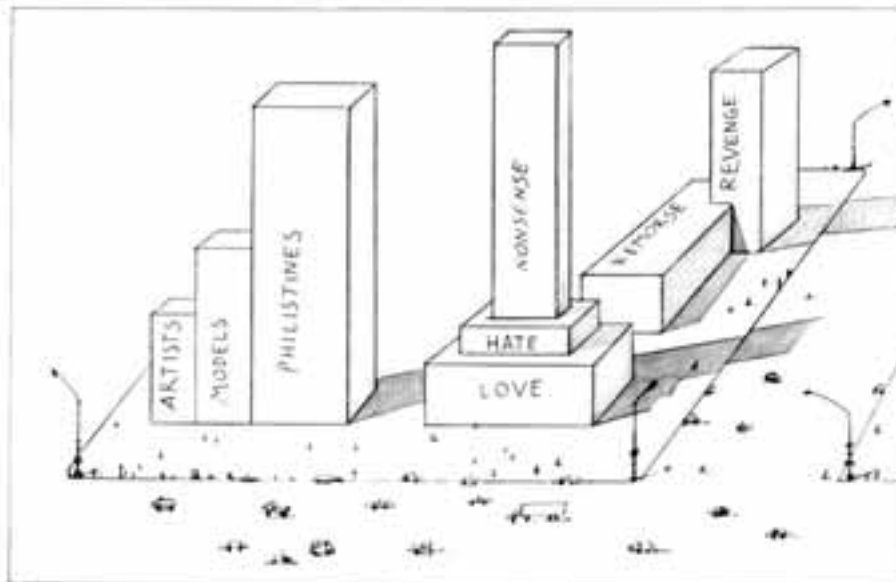


“Since we’re here for all eternity, Harry, maybe you could learn something besides ‘Humoresque’ ”

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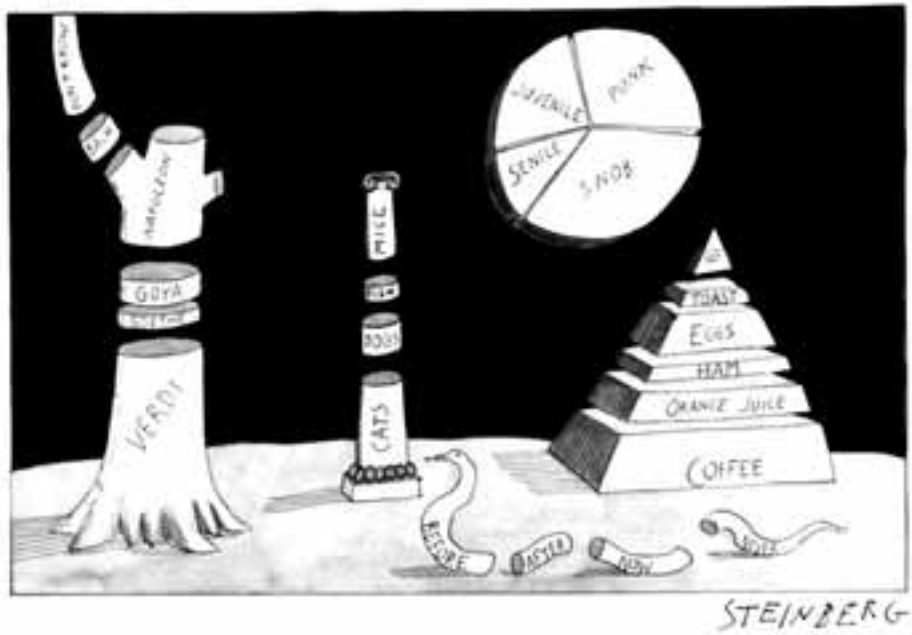
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"My net worth happens to be none of your business!"



Ice Skaters



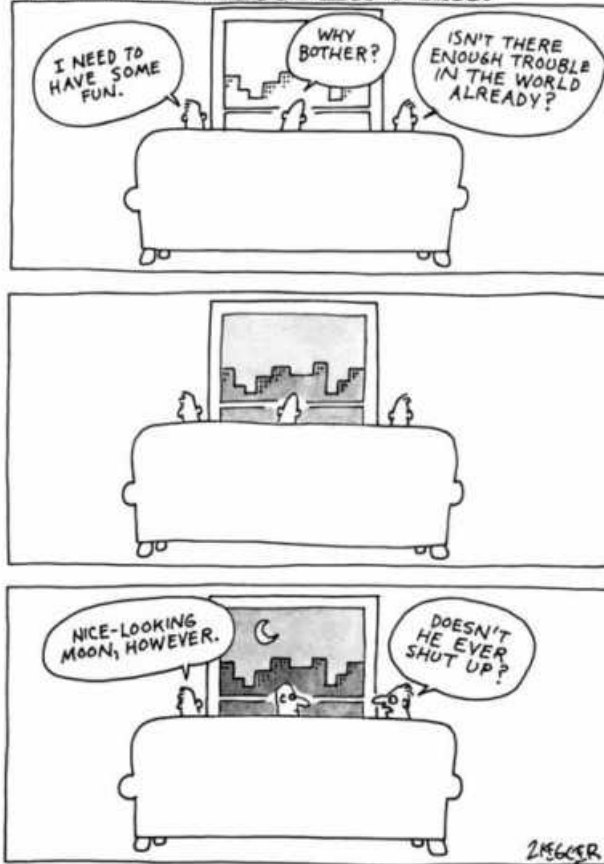


“Arthur, this is my wife, Sally. And this is my personal computer.”



"I love to watch you look up something, Lester. It's as if we were both back at Ohio State."

THE MELANCHOLIA SROG.







"Broadbent is greater than a right angle but less than a hundred and eighty degrees."





*"Since I last saw you, you've let yourself
go to pot, haven't you?"*



"Somebody told me that you are hilarious."



"And now a message of importance to those of you who have been giving serious thought to the purchase of a new tube of toothpaste."

FAILURES





“Who the hell is Roy, and why am I drinking from his cup?”



"This is our collection of miniatures."



"Why can't you be real, like Paul Newman?"

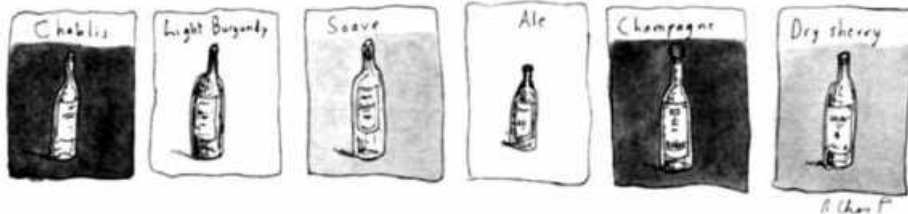
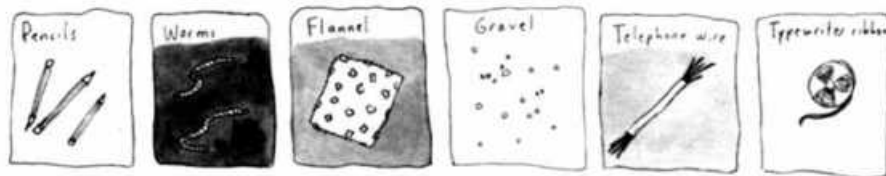


SLEDDING IN BED WITH FRANNY AND FRED



*“She drew me tenderly to her breast. I whimpered like
a little child. Then the telephone rang.”*

WHAT GOES WITH WHAT?



R. Chast





Waiting for Silence



"Psychic unrest."



"I really don't know. I guess I saw this picture of Reagan smiling for no reason, and before I knew it I was smiling for no reason."



"It all goes in the home-entertainment center."





*“Heavens, he’s not worrying about his money,
he’s worrying about money itself.”*



“Oogalug here is a moderate.”



"How come you always take Amnesty International's side?"



"I believe the plain tough pants will do just fine, thank you."



“Well, if that’s not our song it’s goddam close!”





"Howard, I think the dog wants to go out."





"It's the same in my business—feast or famine."



"In extenuation, Your Honor, I would like to suggest to the court that my client was inadequately parented."



"Miss Jenkins, is anyone out there waiting to tangle with me?"



"Just give him the order without trying to win his friendship."





“As I understand it, Queen Hatshepsut had this made in upper Egypt, to dedicate it to the god Amun Ra. Then it was carried off from the Valley of the Kings by adventurers, and Lester picked it up at Altman’s for my birthday.”



Evening Alone



"Now, here's a sweetheart of a stock with your name written all over it."



*"You're on the wrong floor.
The Museum of Modern Art is downstairs."*



"Frank Field says winter's back may be broken."





“One final question. As far as you know, have you any family history of loose-cannonism or whistle-blowing?”



"I forsee an upturn within the next six to eight million years."

KOANS for LANDLORDS







“Yes indeed, sir. You strike me as a man who is quite definitely in touch with himself.”



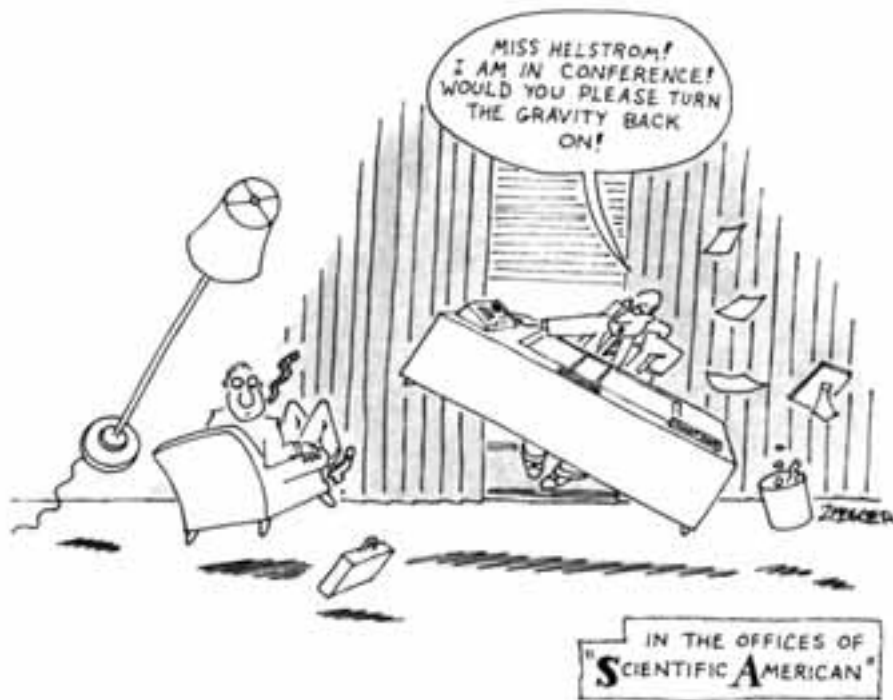
*“Well, what do you say to a person who tells you he’s working
on a doughnut-shaped energy field?”*



“Jennifer’s analysis of ‘The Wind in the Willows’ is very powerful.”



"I'll say this for Simpson—he's a survivor."





*"Then we're in agreement. There's nothing rotten in Denmark.
Something is rotten everywhere else."*



*“Oh, for heaven’s sake, Jackson, stop blubbering. You knew
this job was dangerous when you took it.”*



Invitation to the Dance



“Could we swap sections? I’ve finished worrying about the E.P.A., and now I’d like to worry about Herschel Walker.”





*“Son, you’re all grown up now. You owe me two
hundred and fourteen thousand dollars.”*



"Oh, good! I've been looking for someone who drinks and smokes."



"Hi. I'm Larry Hoskins as portrayed by me."



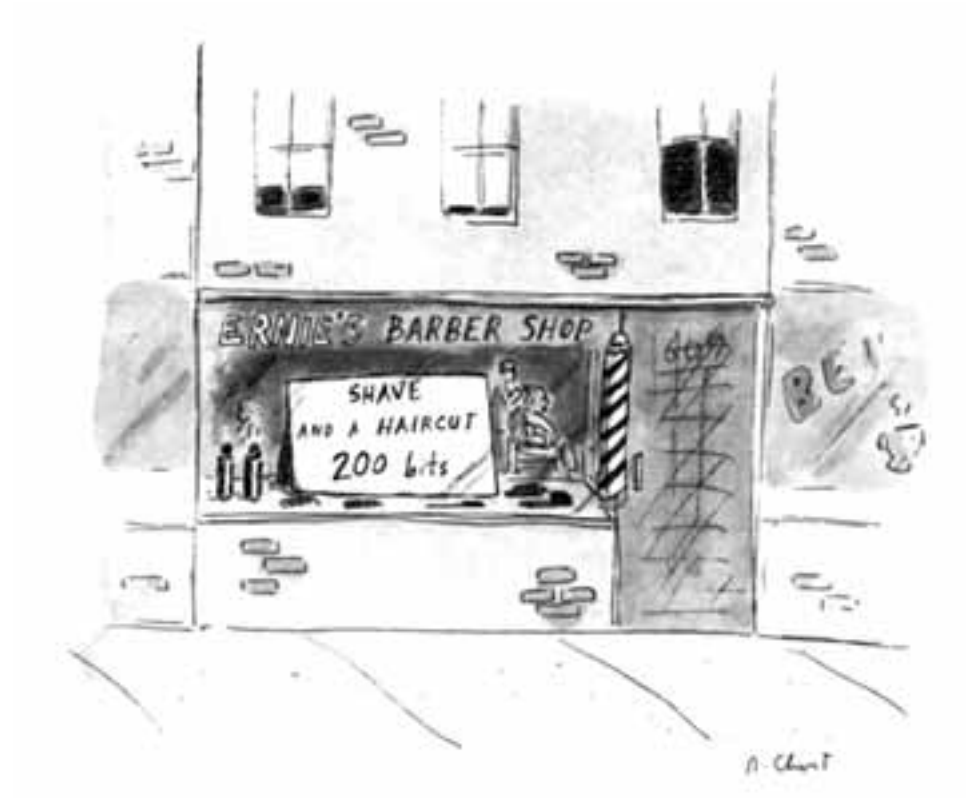
“You missed the gold play, you missed the real-estate boom and the market upturn, and you’re probably missing something else this very minute.”



*"Gormely, when I ask a simplistic question
I expect a simplistic answer."*



"How are your prisoners today?"





“B. K. Howley here—cordless.”



*"Forget it, pal. I thought I recognized you, but, as it turns out,
it was just your type that I recognized."*





“Must you use words like ‘redoubtable’ when we’re alone, dear?”



*"I accept the four thousand years in Limbo with the understanding
that it in no way constitutes an admission of wrongdoing."*



“At least we always know who’s in charge around here.”



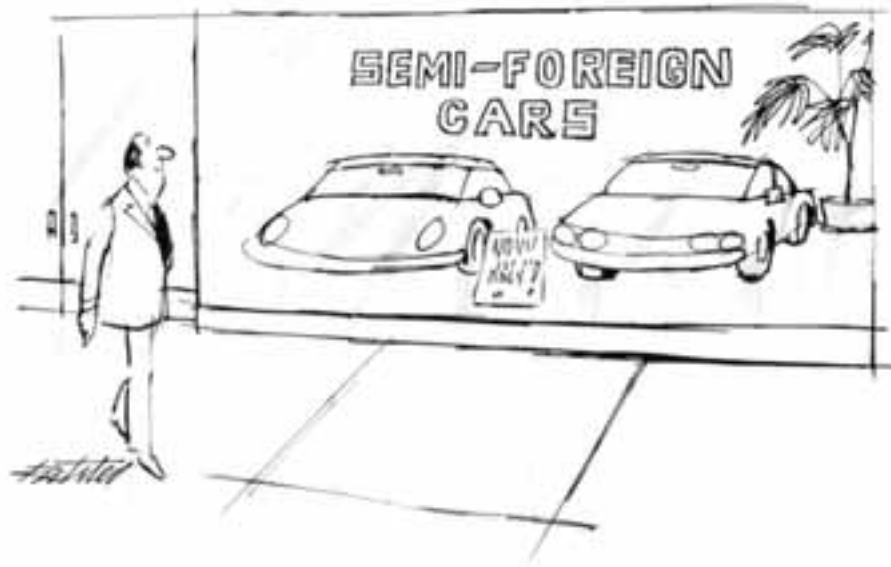
“Unfortunately, Edgar’s enthusiasms are not infectious.”



"Hey, Helen, we've got a letter!"



"Mother of four, meet mother of three."





“Oh, good! The bank says I have some money! That’s good! Because I had a feeling I didn’t have any money in there! Whooooee!”

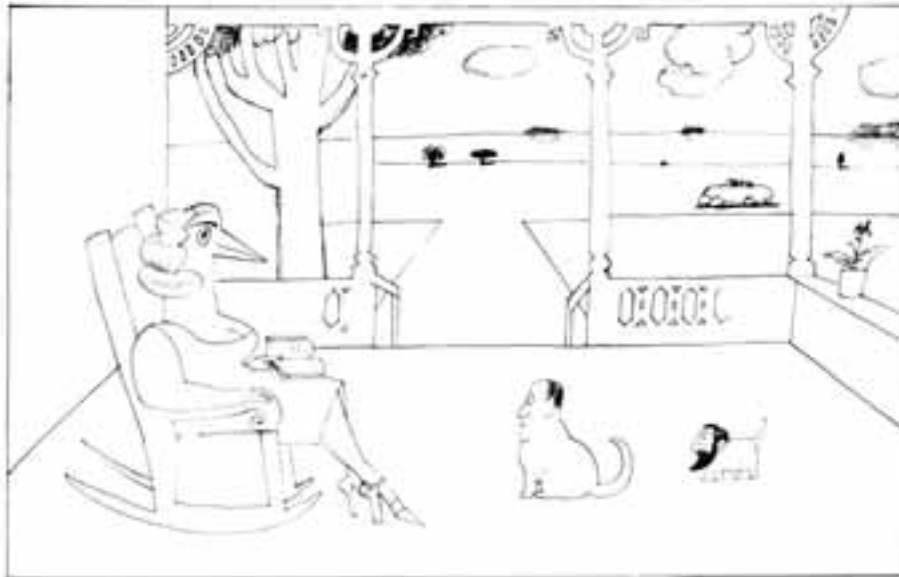


"I don't know how you and I would be rated by the psychiatrists in the Soviet Union, but I'd say we're fairly sane by New York standards."

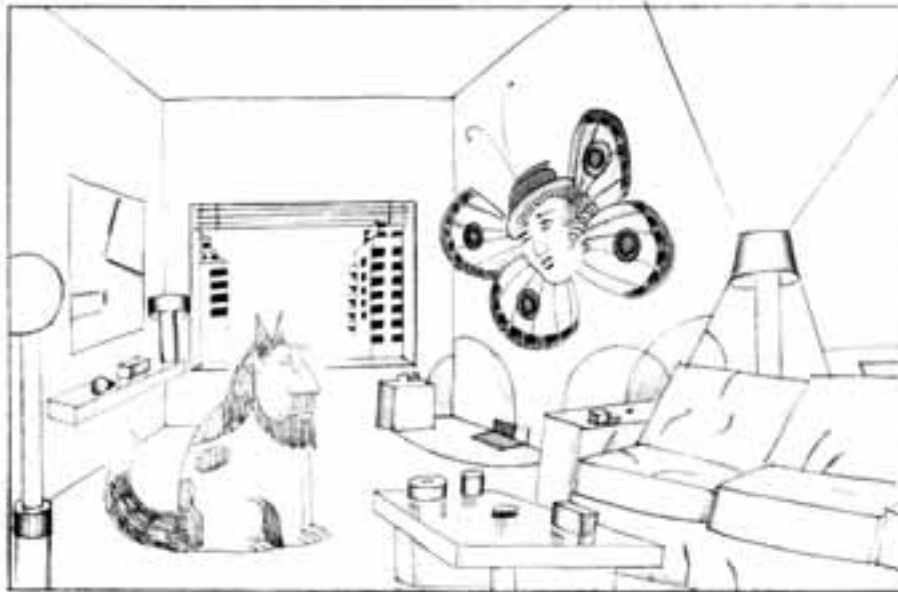


*"If today is the first day of the rest of my
life, what was yesterday?"*

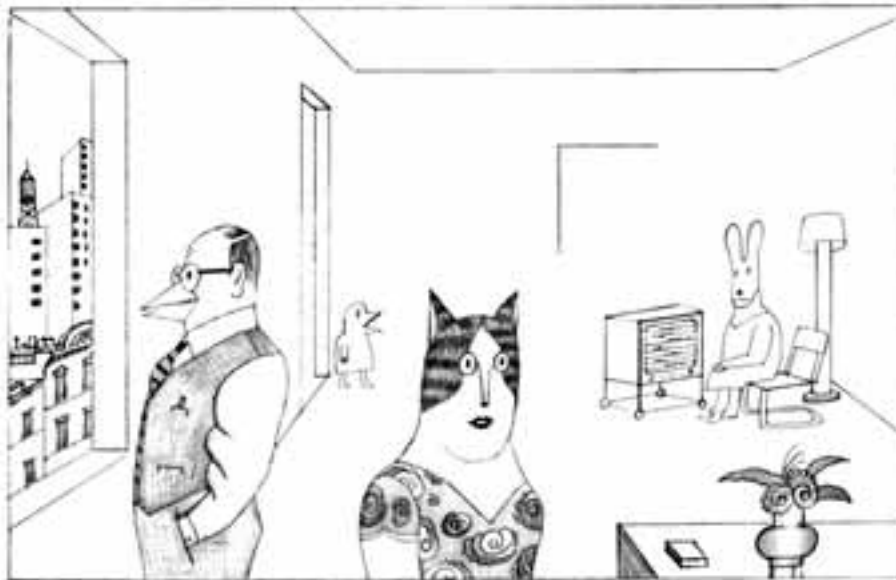
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Man Answering a Questionnaire



“We really don’t ‘shop,’ as such. We seek out good things.”





*"I don't know why I don't care about the bottom
of the ocean, but I don't."*



"I gave that."





"He always times '60 Minutes.'"



*"Stephen is self-absorbed, Judith is self-conscious,
Fred is self-critical, and Catherine is self-assured."*



"Welcome, brothers and sisters in steel."



"I know it doesn't look that great now, but once you accessorize it with the right jewelry, I guarantee you the whole 'Mr. T' look will fall into place."





“Look at me. Is our marriage working?”



*"Jessie Mayhew introduced us to everyone as the 'zany' McMullens.
What was that all about?"*



“The face of the pear-shaped man reminded me of the mashed turnips that Aunt Mildred used to serve alongside the Thanksgiving turkey. As he got out of the strawberry-hued car, his immense fists looked like two slabs of slightly gnawed ham. He waddled over to the counter and snarled at me under his lasagna-laden breath, ‘Something, my little bonbon, is fishy in Denmark.’ Slowly, I lowered my grilled cheese sandwich . . .”



*"I would have recognized you anywhere, Mr. Davis.
You look exactly like your corporation."*





“Oh, I like it here all right, but in my lifetime I was legend.”



"You're right, Margo. You are hearing a lot of pain. Happily, though, it's coming from these damned shoes."



“At nine, there’s a Bob Hope special, with Susan Anton, Victoria Principal, Suzanne Somers, Cheryl Tiegs, and Neville Marriner conducting the orchestra and chorus of the Academy of St. Martins-in-the-Fields.”



"And that, my boy, is the moon."

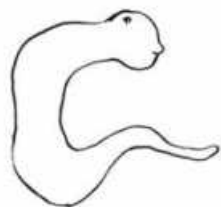


*"We have Ford Madox Ford, but no
Ford Madox Ford Madox Ford."*



"I just had everything slipcovered, including Walter."

EVOLUTION



MARINE COFFEE



DINOSAUR COFFEE



MR. COFFEE

Stuart Leeds



*“Hey! Just because we’re in the doldrums
doesn’t mean we can’t have a little fun.”*

EMOTION RECOLLECTED IN TRANQUILLITY





*“To be perfectly frank, I’m not nearly as
smart as you seem to think I am.”*



*"My sycophant has retired to
Santa Fe, New Mexico."*



*"Is everything satisfactory here—I mean as befits
our one little star in the New York 'Times'?"*



"Oiling does no good, sir. It squeaks, it always has squeaked, and I'm afraid it always will squeak."

OTHER WITCHES





"We're from the far right. We're here to be mollified."



"I'd love to stay, but I must leave. That's life, isn't it?"

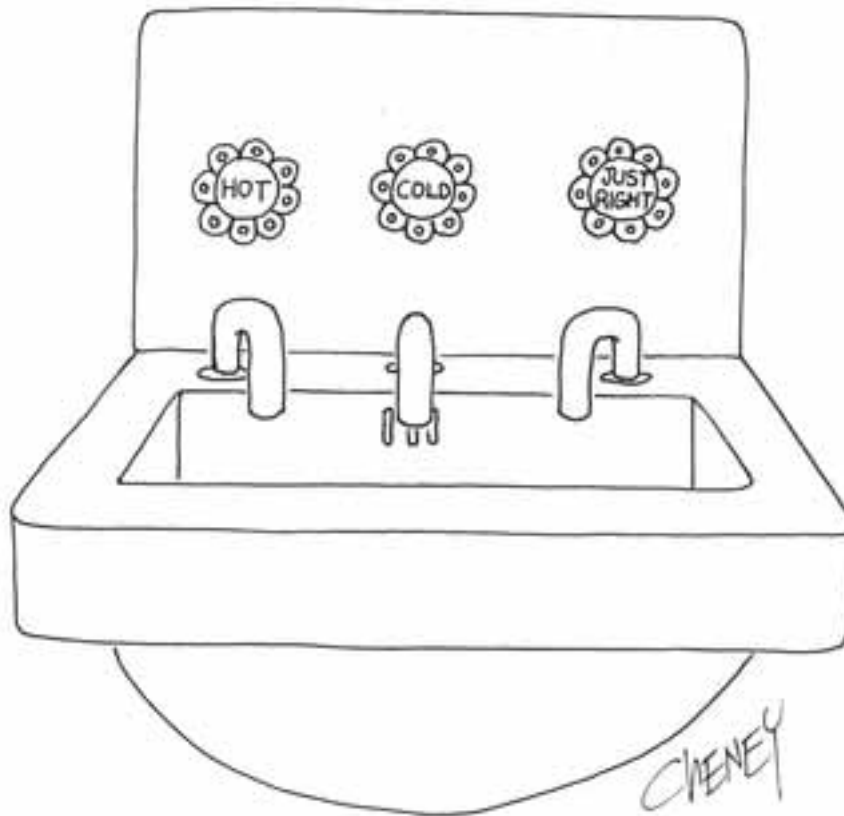


"Seven, eight, nine, ten . . ."



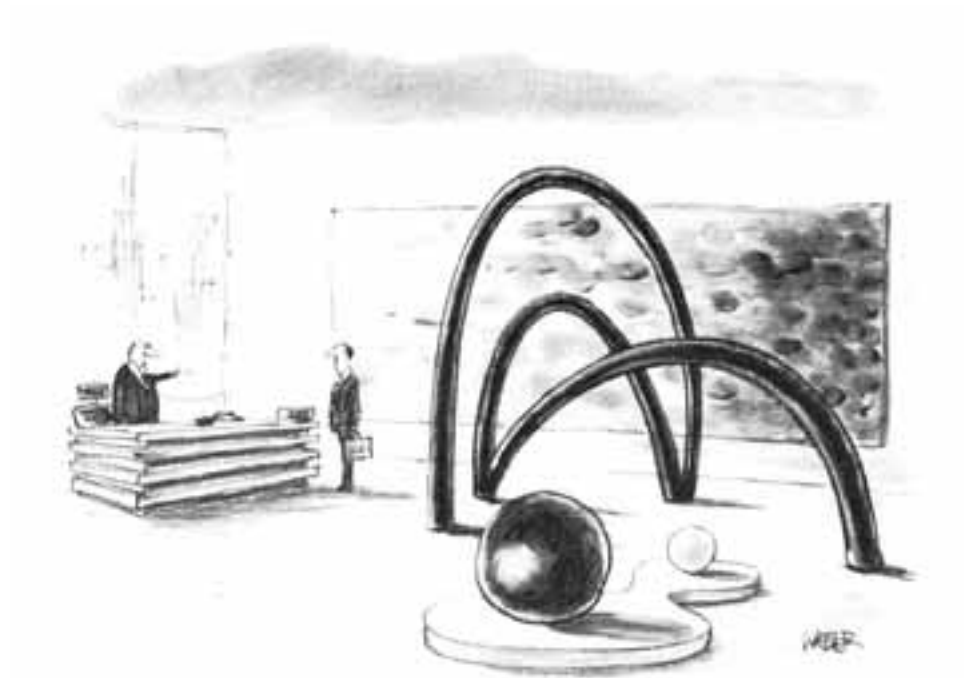
"I'm so glad we're over California!"







"Of course, his time between here and the office varies somewhat depending upon wind direction, the weather, and how pooped he is."



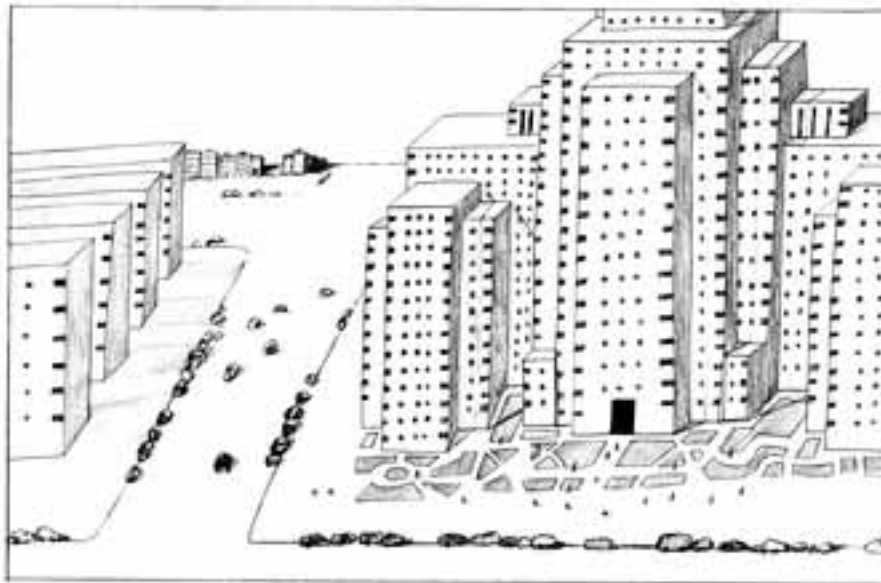
*"Before we sit down, Mr. Beasley, may I draw
your attention to the art works?"*



"Is there any payoff for all this chitchat?"



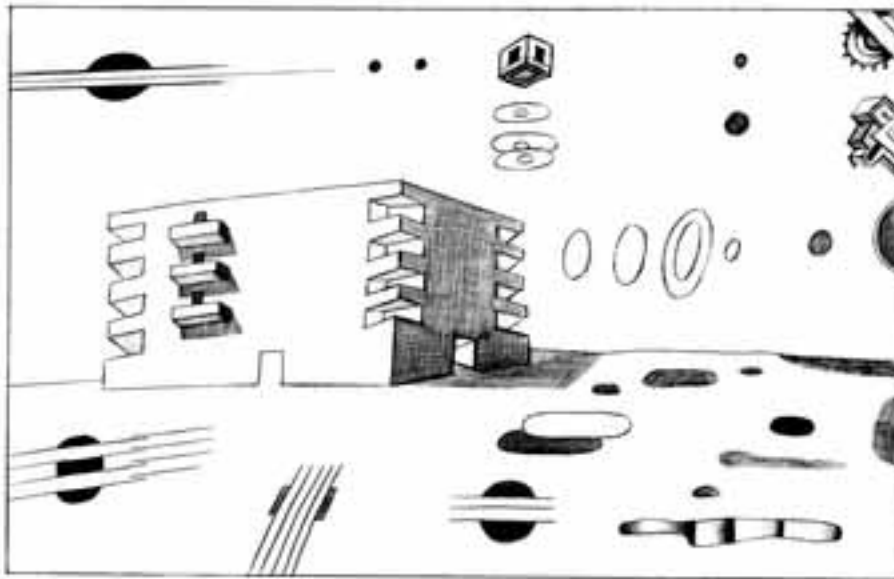
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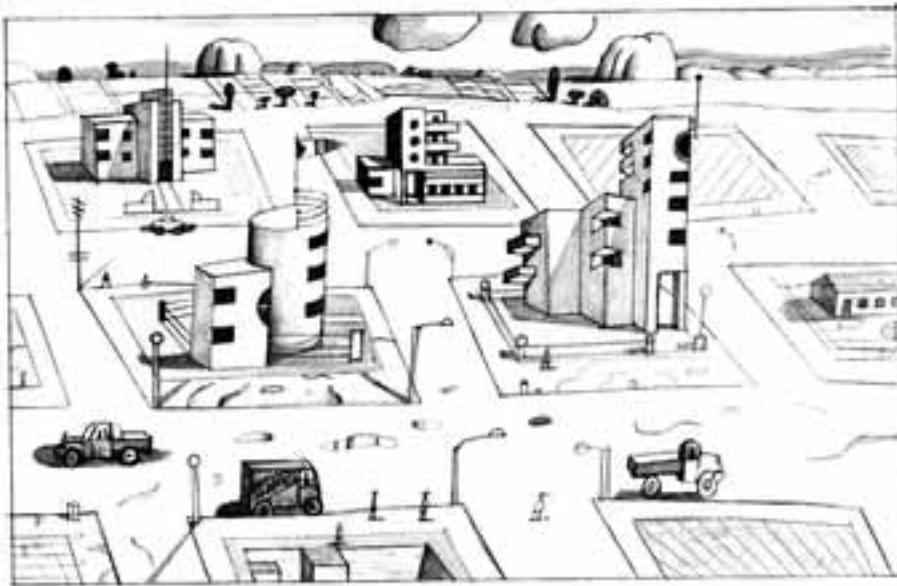
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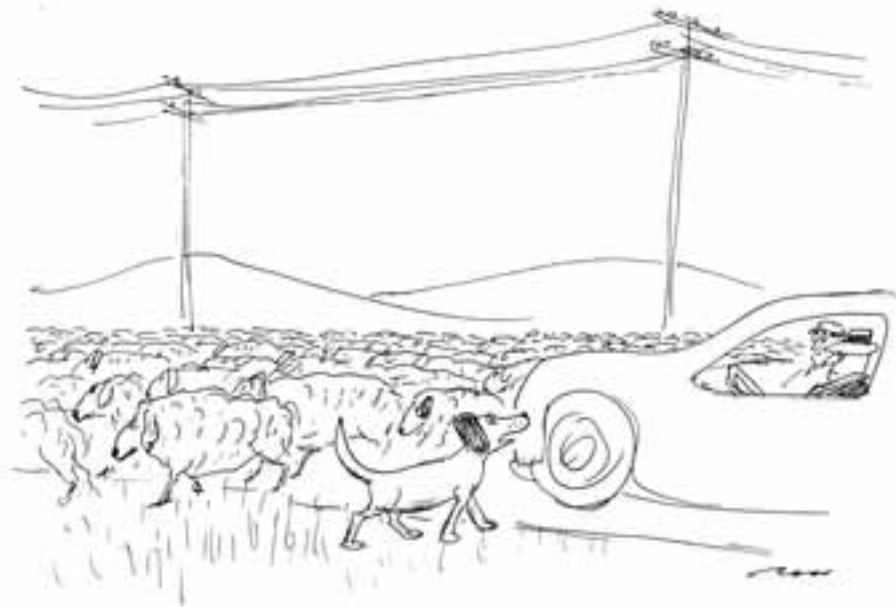


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*“Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Endicott III and
Master Richard P. Endicott IV.”*



"We regret the inconvenience, sir. We are experiencing technical difficulties. Please stand by."







Relentless Joker



*"I have a stuffed chair and a rag rug that are going out
in the spring sunshine today, Elise!"*



"And here's where we put in the goodness."



*“Damn it, Eddie! If you don’t believe in nuclear war
and you don’t believe in conventional war, what the
hell kind of war do you believe in?”*



SWISS ARMY COUCH



“Well, there you are, Doris—the pyramids, as advertised.”



“Gentlemen, it’s a fake!”





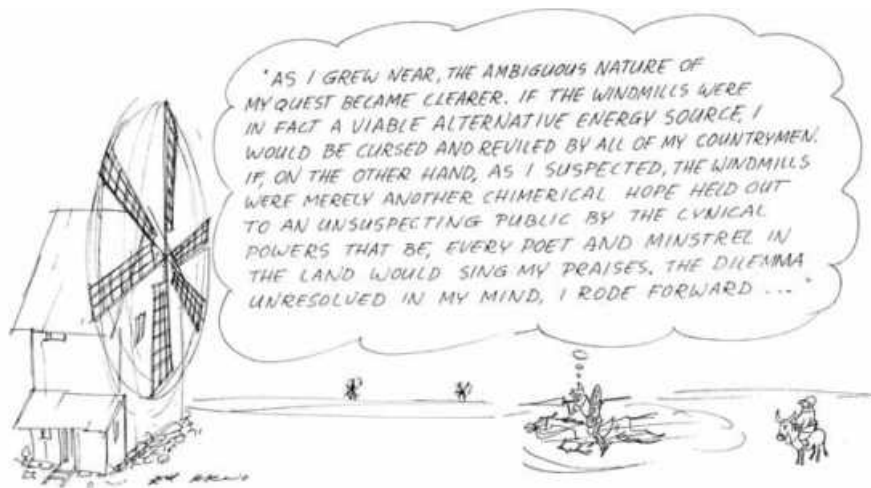
“Yes, it certainly turned out to be a surprisingly mild winter.”



“Isn’t it amazing? Donald and I were just strolling through the sidewalk sale and this was hanging on the rack for sixty-five dollars!”



"Just a coincidence, surely."

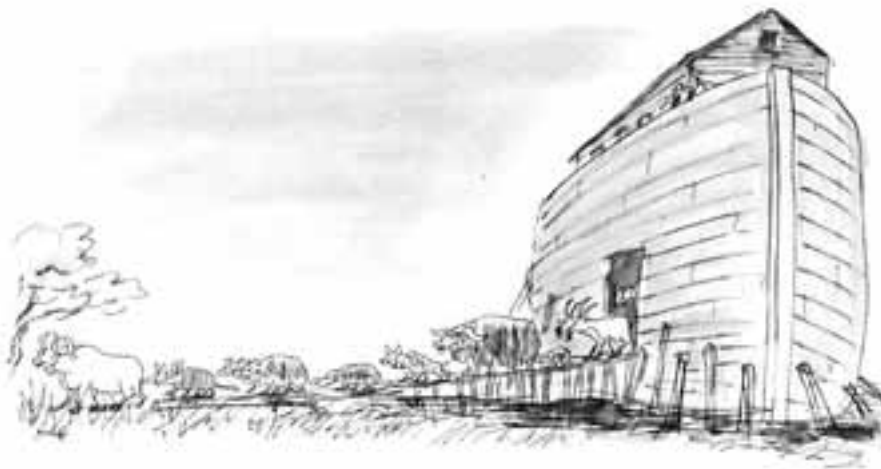




Elusive Memory

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"It was O.K., I guess, but forty days and forty nights was a bit much."

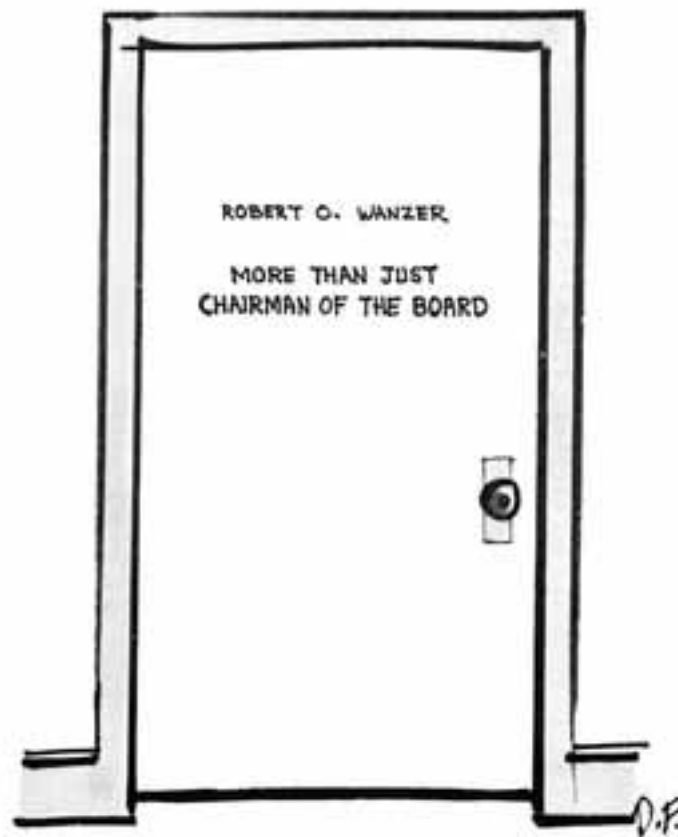


"Yes, very warm and cozy. If you like that sort of thing."



"If birds fly over the rainbow, Garber, why, oh, why, can't I?"

"The boys in research seem to think it has something to do with aerodynamics, Chief."





*"I'm in a bit of a rush this morning.
May I have just the shoeshine?"*



“Good night, and thanks for allowing us into your living room.”



"I remember when the spotlight was on me!"



*"We didn't train him as a watchdog. Actually, he's
just a self-appointed watchdog."*



*"And please don't hesitate to call on us.
Our dedicated staff will be delighted to serve you."*



*"This is Clandyke speaking, of Clandyke, Kreston,
Ferman, Dinklehauf & Fosterdale."*







“According to reliable sources in Washington, the American people should be much happier than they are about things in general.”







“Do you know everybody? Actor-director Russell Bain, songwriter-producer Sandy Whitley, actress-model Monique D’Amie, dancer-singer Alicia Kelly, writer-producer Bartley Snail . . .”

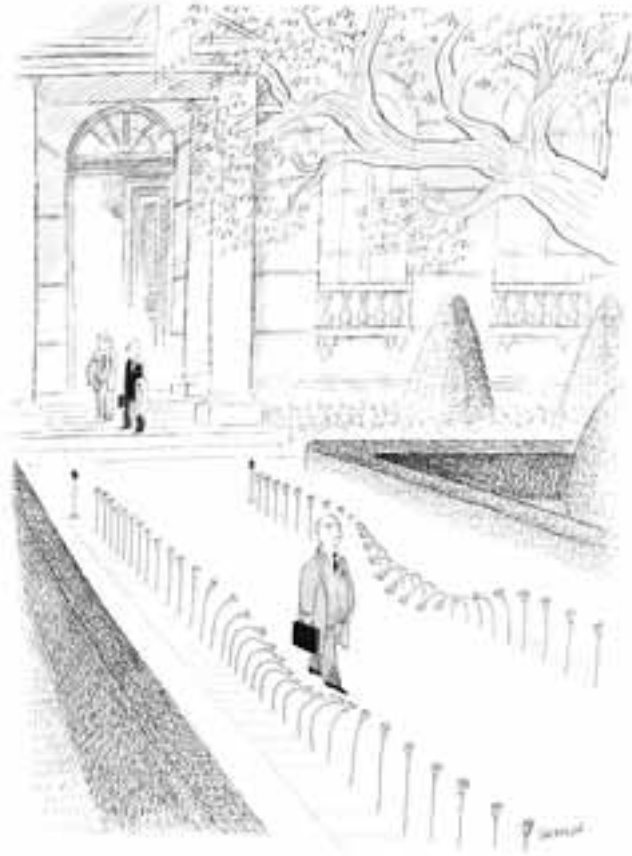




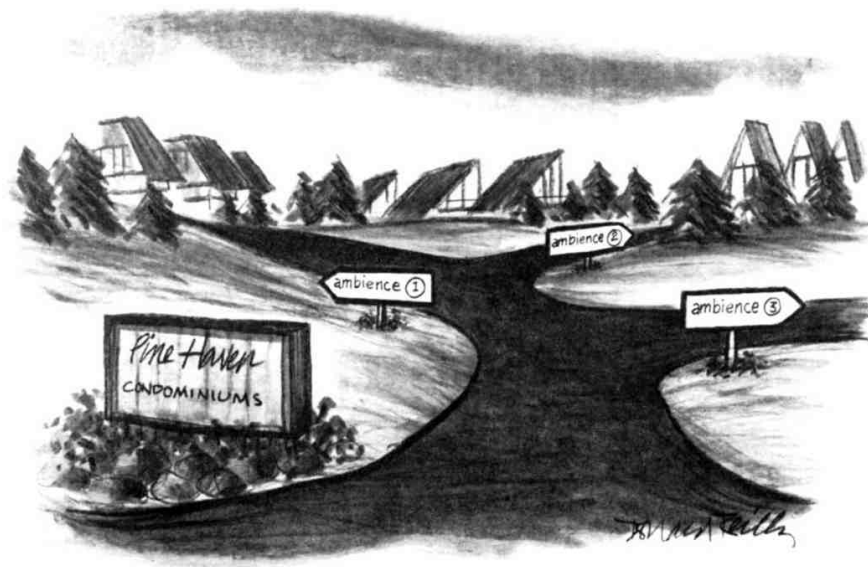
*"I never thought it would happen, but I've fallen
in love with the big car again."*



“Is that all it says about eye of newt—add to taste?”



"If you only knew what it cost!"





The Claremont Athletic and Social Club



“The Athenians are here, Sire, with an offer to back us with ships, money, arms, and mens—and, of course, their usual lectures about democracy.”

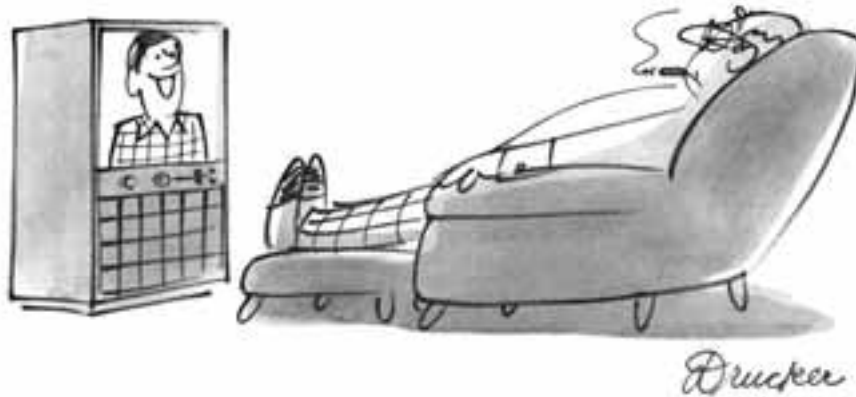
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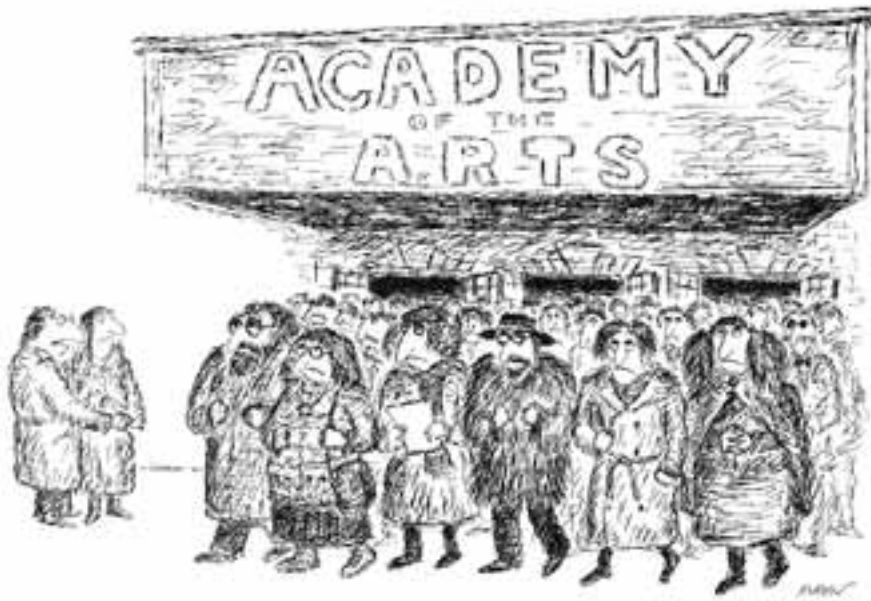


"Hi. I'm Bob, your waiter tonight. Before giving you your menus, I'd like to run through today's specials and read you a short autobiographical sketch."





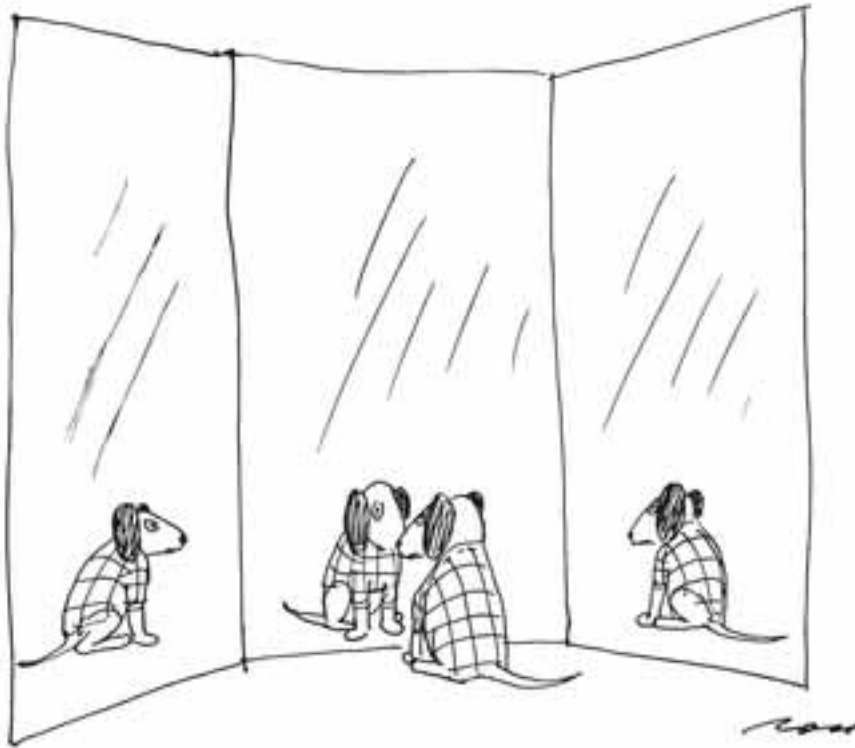
"Attention, gardeners!"



“Watch out. The cognoscenti are not pleased.”



"Your job will be to light a fire under the American consumer."





"Don't 'Oh, baby' me!"



"You will find that time passes."



*“Before Reagan came along, you never used to
twinkle and say ‘Well . . .’”*



"It's such a nice day, I thought we might take a spin over to Fifth Avenue, down Fifth to Seventy-second, over to Park, up Park to Seventy-ninth, over to Fifth, down Fifth to Seventy-sixth, over to Madison, up Madison to Seventy-seventh, and back here, the north side of Seventy-seventh between Madison and Fifth."



"I'm so glad to hear you say that. I'm a real person myself."





“Let’s try the one called ‘Good Vibrations’ and see what that’s all about.”

ATTACK OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS!

Watch in horror as they...



1983



*“But where on earth do they spend the winter,
these ravishing women who appear in the spring?”*



*“Professor Farrow, this afternoon’s guest speaker, is steady
and reliable and unswayed by trendy thinking.”*





“The matters about which I’m being questioned, Your Honor, are all things I should have included in my long-term memory but which I mistakenly inserted in my short-term memory.”





"Howard, we've shared the fat years and the lean years, the good years and the bad years. I think I'd like to tackle the out years on my own."



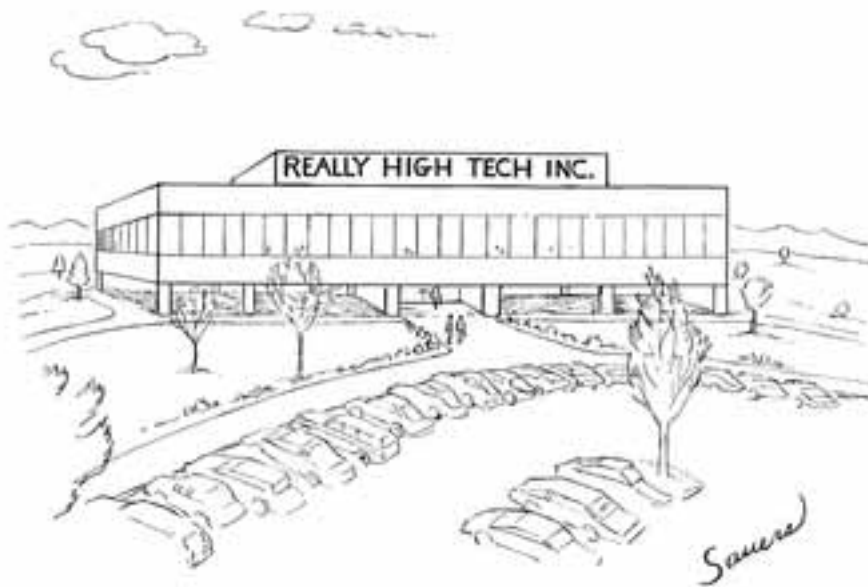
“Frederick III, King and Chief Executive Officer of Mondamia.”



"We have certainly tamed the once wild beast of inflation."



Anniversary





“Oh, for heaven’s sake! Watch ‘The Dukes of Hazzard!’”



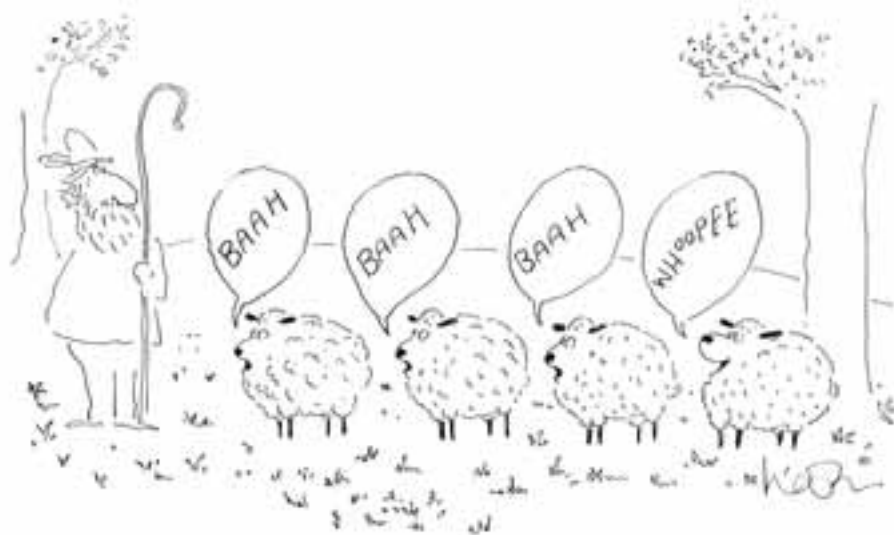
“Just what exactly is the difference between a goblin and the hobgoblin?”



"You may certainly not try to hypnotize me."



“Well, it’s good, but people just don’t write books all by themselves anymore.”





“Yes, damn it, I have thought the matter through. And I’ve rethought the matter through. In fact, I’ve rethought my rethinking of the matter through. And I’m still damned sure I’m right.”







"Sidney's my name, and food's my game."



Built to Last



"I guess it's just another one of the signs of spring."



"Good news. Reagan's beefing up the Navy."



"The early-April figures are in, sir, and they're just fabulous!"

MANHATTAN (I OF 4)



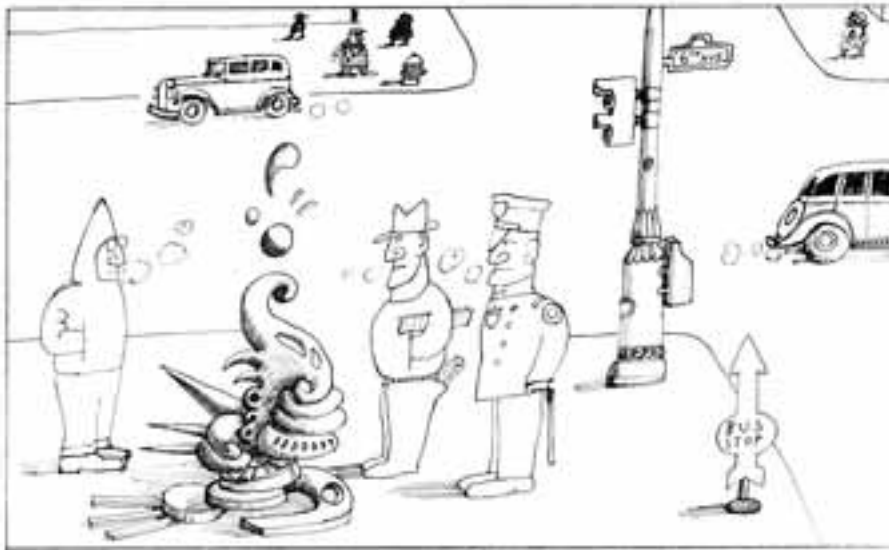
Indian totem erected on Bedloe's Island in 1584,
replaced in 1886 by the Statue of Liberty

MANHATTAN (2 OF 4)



Leon Trotsky has apple pie and tea at the Automat on Broadway at 47th Street, January 28, 1917

MANHATTAN (3 OF 4)



Frozen music found near Radio City Music Hall, winter, 1939

MANHATTAN (4 OF 4)



The “École de Paris” float at the St. Patrick’s Day parade, 1968



“Arnold always looks down. He enjoys looking down.”



"It's the very beginning of the first part of a sixty-five-part, two-hundred-and-sixty-hour mini-series spread out over twenty-nine months. Want to watch?"





Recipient of an Unsolicited Confidence



“And for God’s sake, no more meadows full of sheep!”



*"I've just been awarded a five-year, no-strings, no-big-deal grant
for plain ordinary Joes who just want to get on with their
run-of-the-mill lives and be left alone."*





"I think something's coming now."





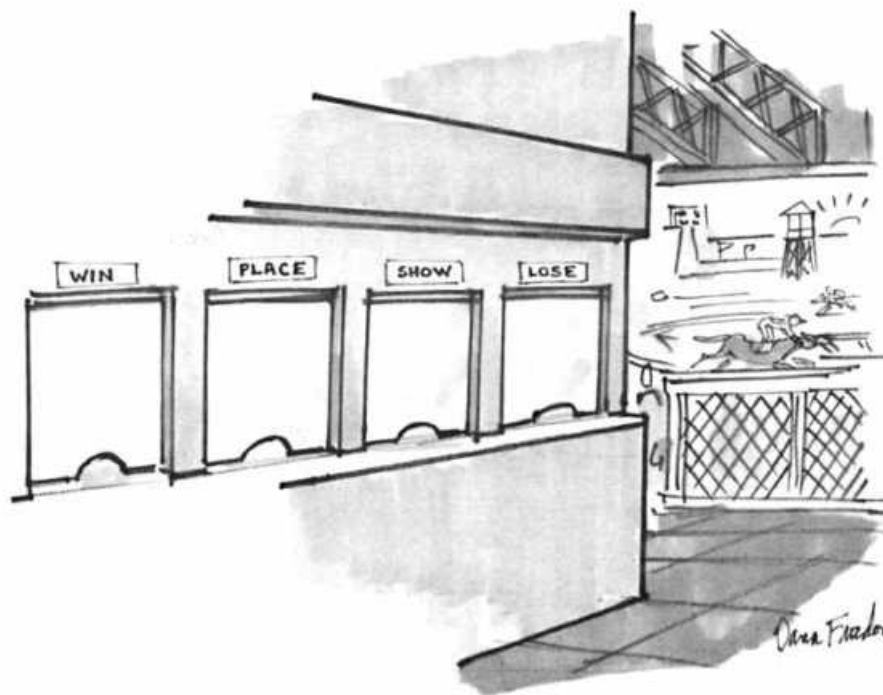
*“The next time someone tells you that a place is hard by,
I wish you’d ask them how hard by!”*







“Yuck.”





"There goes young Porlock. He's hyper, but he's good."



*“Well, Charles keeps the world at bay, which is
a nice thing in a husband.”*



"I don't know, Al. On the one hand, there's no doubt that it's a made-work, dead-end job, but, on the other hand, it's also a vice-presidency."



"Guess who."



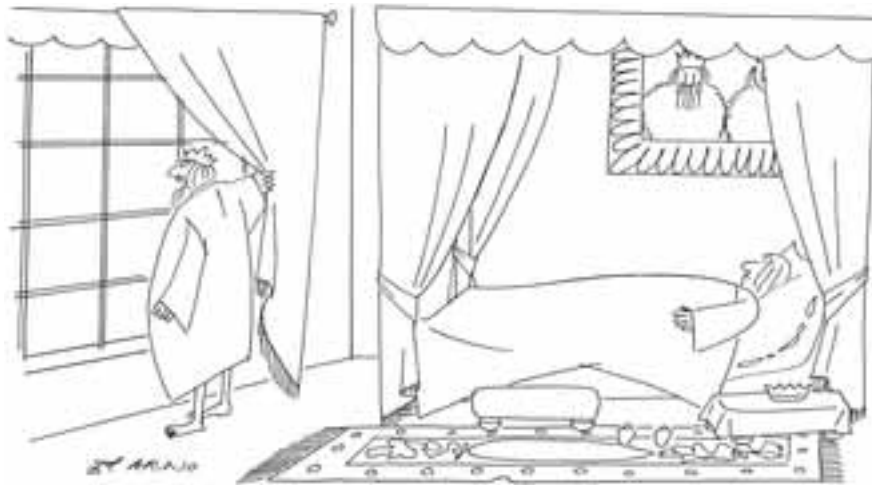
“Ma, what’s rain?”



“This entry dated May 23, 1942, translates, ‘Dear Diary, after conquering the U.S.A. I look forward to meeting Betty Grable. What a tomato!’”



*"You wanted me to let you know when it was apple-blossom
time in Orange, New Jersey."*



"What a beautiful day! I've half a mind to abdicate."





Stranger in the Big City

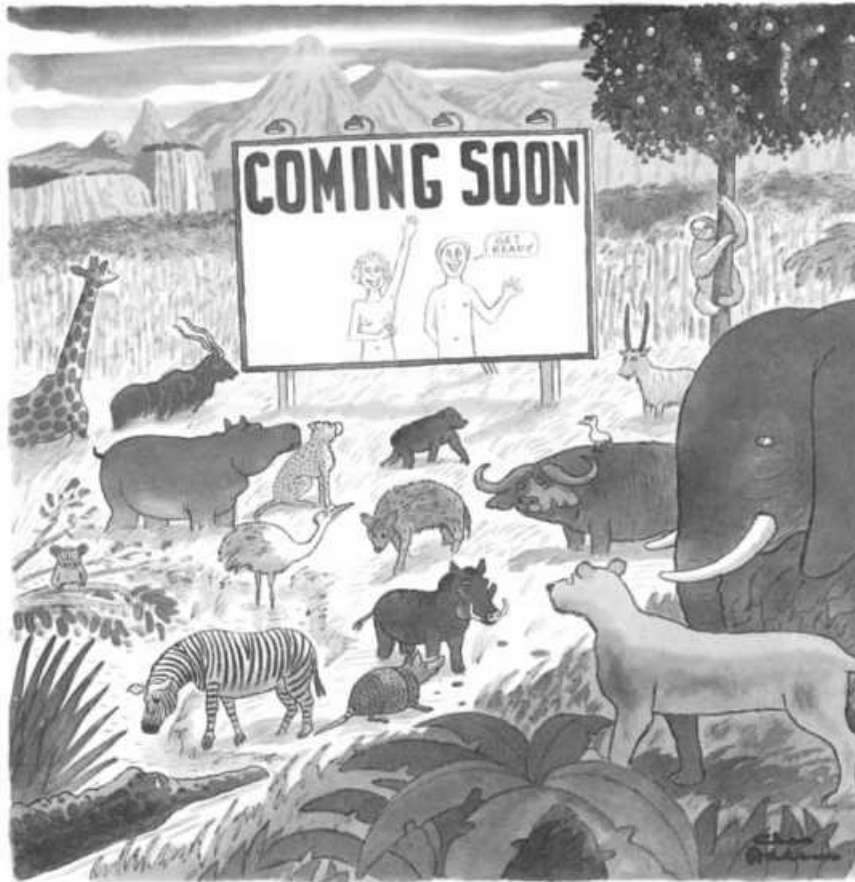




“But, Karl, suppose some unscrupulous person got hold of your wonderful invention. He could use it to enslave the world!”



"Where do I always go when whippoorwills call and evening is nigh?" To Large Lena's Kaboom Room."





"More veggies, Madam?"



"This is Charles Meadows. Charles is a marriage critic."





"Gee whizz, Dad! You hugged me this morning."



GREAT IDEAS OF WESTERN MAN





"Well, nobody can say we haven't done our bit for public television."



*“Looks like we made it from larva to pupa to adult,
but it sure wasn’t easy.”*



"Can I call you back? Jim and I are struggling with our roles."



"Come on. It's late."



"Good night, Paula. I tried to have fun, as you told me to."



"Well, we did it again. We pushed the QE2 out to sea."





“Just because I’m not laughing doesn’t mean I don’t get it.”



"I was at my sister's today. They have two pots."



“Do you suppose the Mulhollands are going to have another one of those get-togethers of theirs?”



CELEBRITY STRESS: THE LATEST VICTIMS (I OF 4)



*Top country-and-Western singer finds he can
no longer structure his own time.*

CELEBRITY STRESS: THE LATEST VICTIMS (2 OF 4)



*After six months on location in Australia,
film star forgets how to do laundry.*

CELEBRITY STRESS: THE LATEST VICTIMS (3 OF 4)



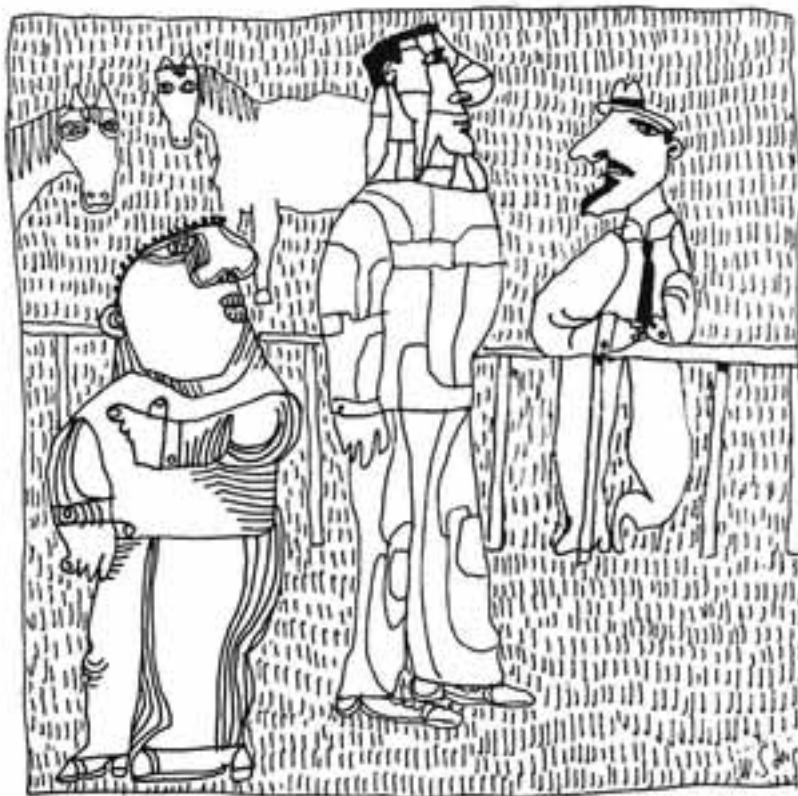
*Eminent author receives one telephone
call too many.*

CELEBRITY STRESS: THE LATEST VICTIMS (4 OF 4)



*Famous TV anchorperson loses sense of self,
makes ill-advised career change.*





At the Track

William Steig (5/16/1983)

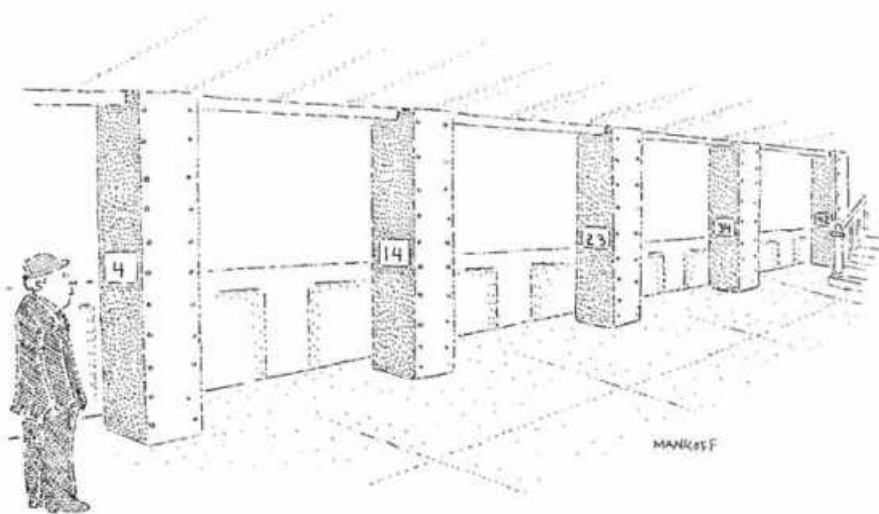
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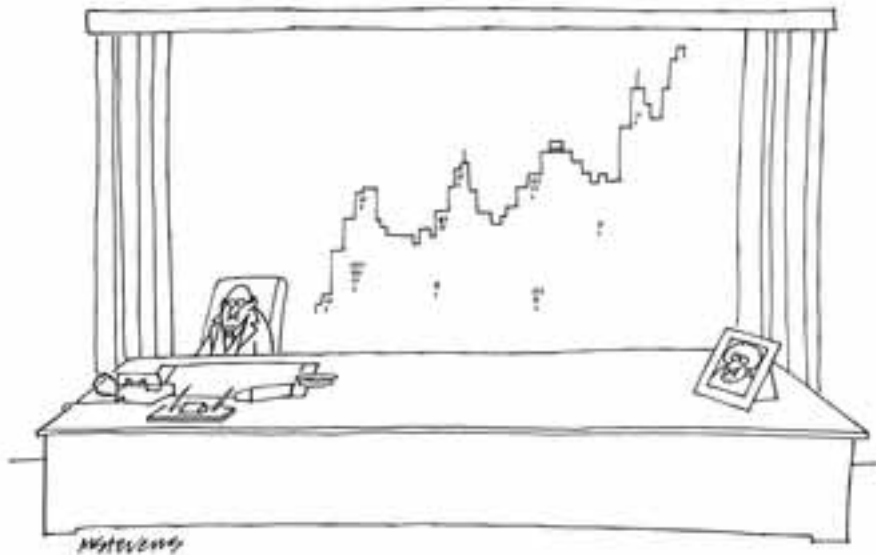




"Are you sure mud is safe to wallow in these days?"





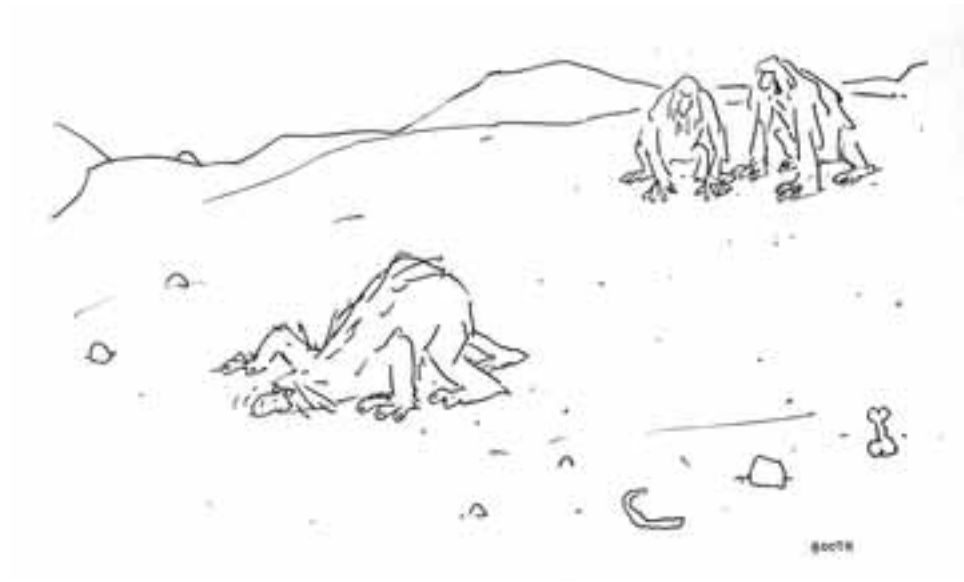




"And this is Leonard, my husband of fourteen years."

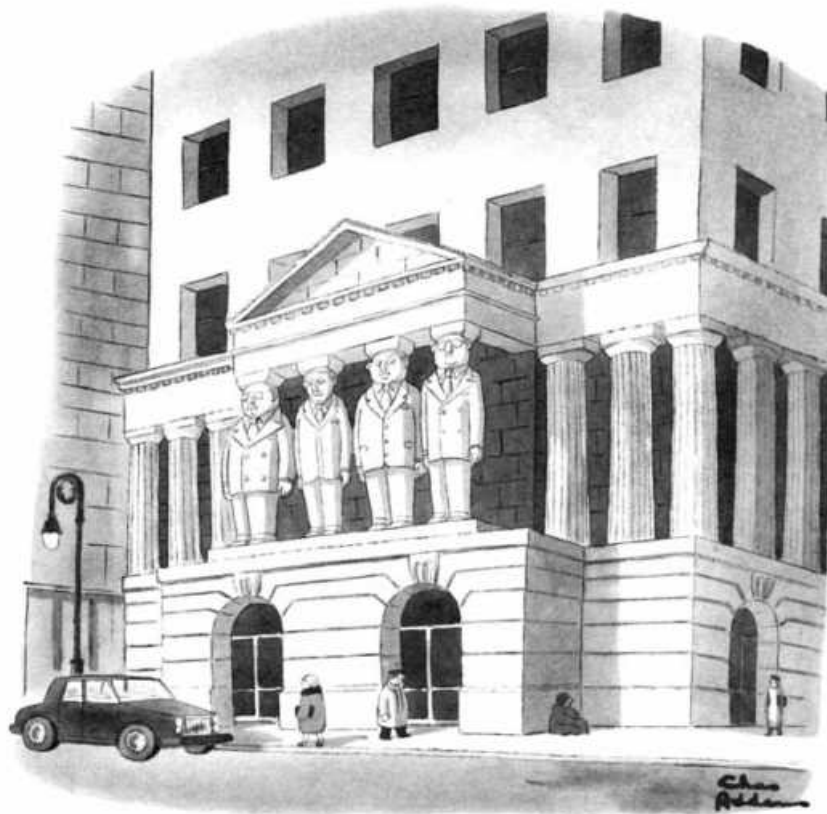


"Liz and Dick, meet Twiggy and Tommy Tune."

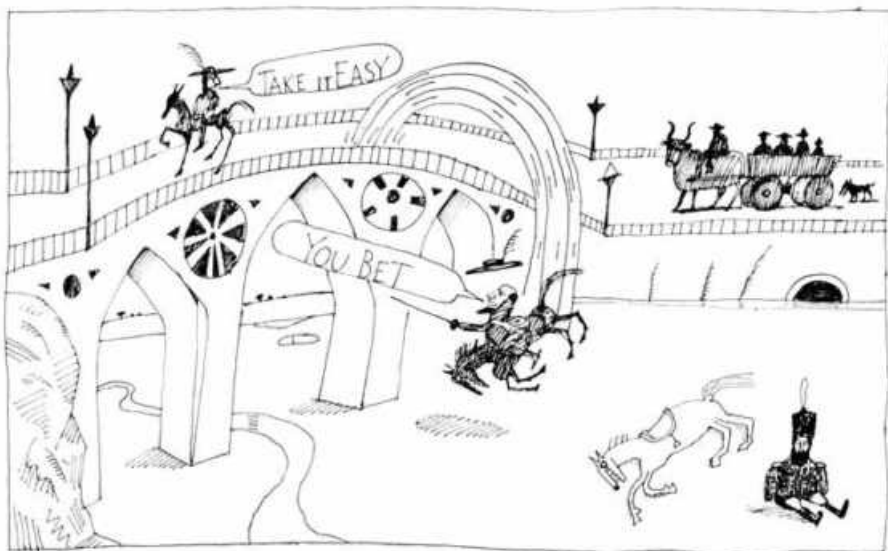


“Research and development.”





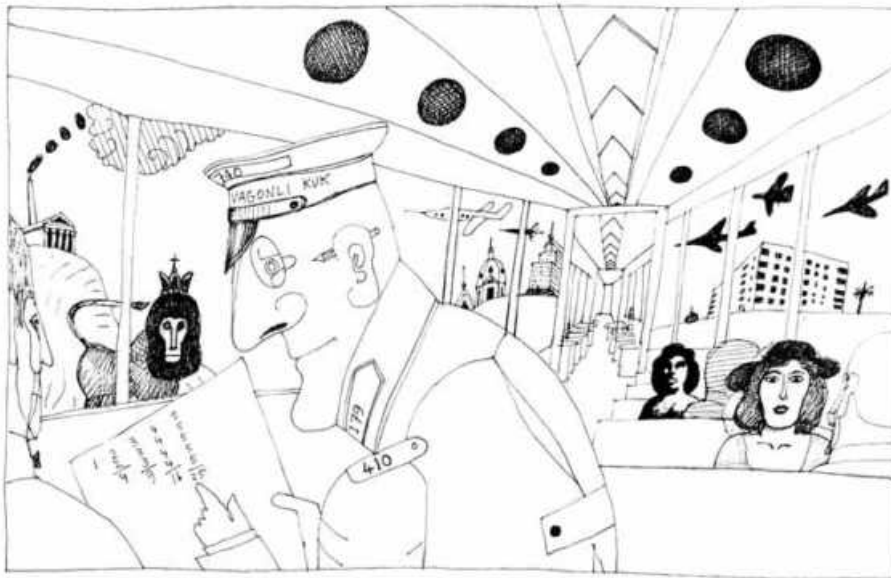
DREAMS (I OF 4)



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DREAMS (4 OF 4)





"Each of you has a packet that contains the sales figures for 1982, the projected figures for 1983-84, the revised territory assignments, and a recipe for vanilla Chantilly cream squares."



“But can they save themselves?”





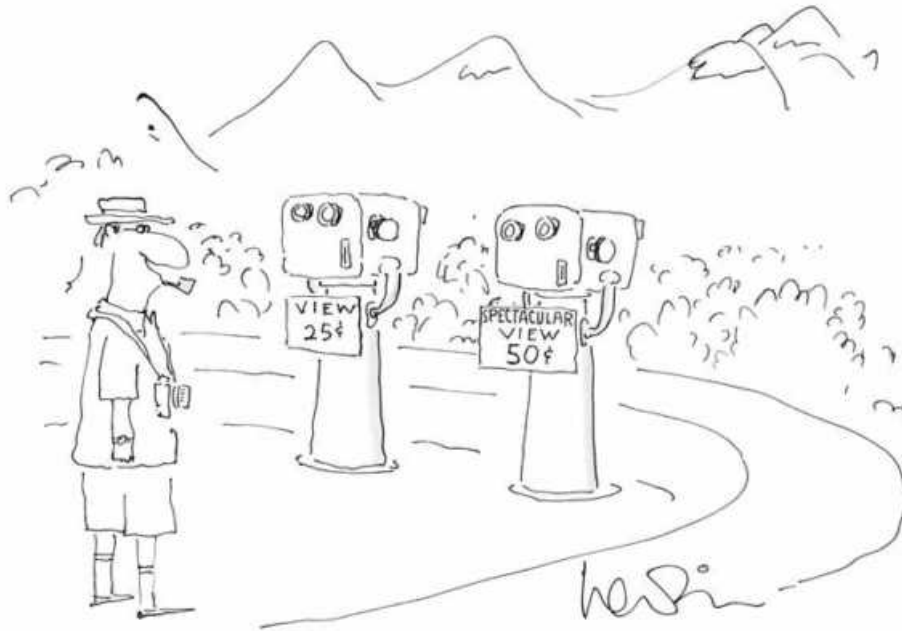
"Oh, sure, it's hot, all right, but it's a dry heat."



"This should be studded with more stars."



*"I think your late husband is coming through now. A man
about five feet ten, right? Graying hair? Charming smile?
Accompanied by a lovely young girl?"*





"It's such fun to hear stock tips again."



“... but first, I'd like to read an excerpt from the address I gave in June of 1954.”







*"I started dating you just for laughs. Who'd have thought
you'd turn out to be Mr. Right?"*



*“Will you please stop saying ‘I know a secret, I know a secret’
every time we discuss a secret war!”*



“Is this the man behind the woman?”





"Who said 'Drinking well is the best revenge'?"



“You win some, you lose some. How about Mussolini?”



*“You want to know what’s wrong with
the New York ‘Times’? No comic strips!”*



"Tim looks the whole world in the face, for he owes not any man."

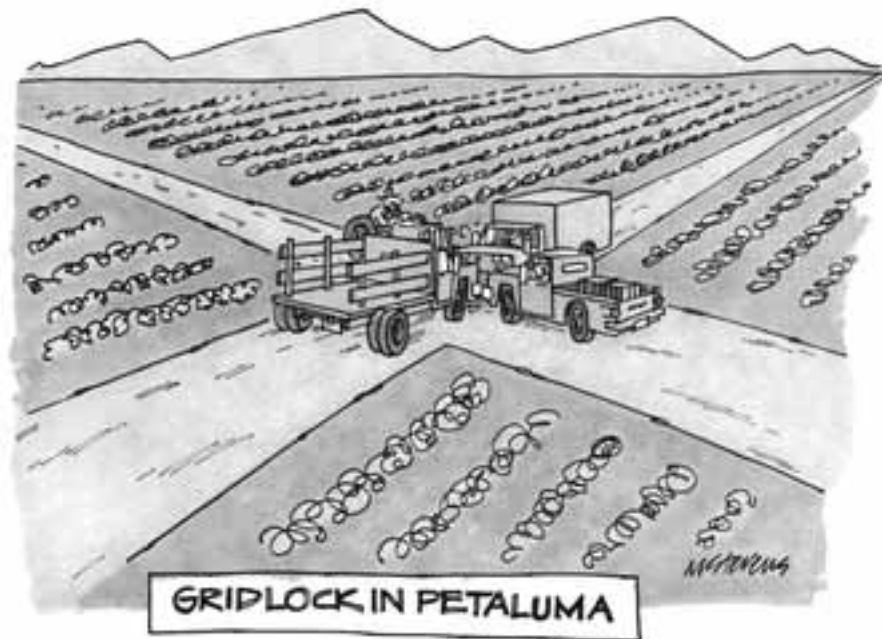




“So, Griswold, how are things in the trenches?”



"Dominique is my best friend and severest critic."

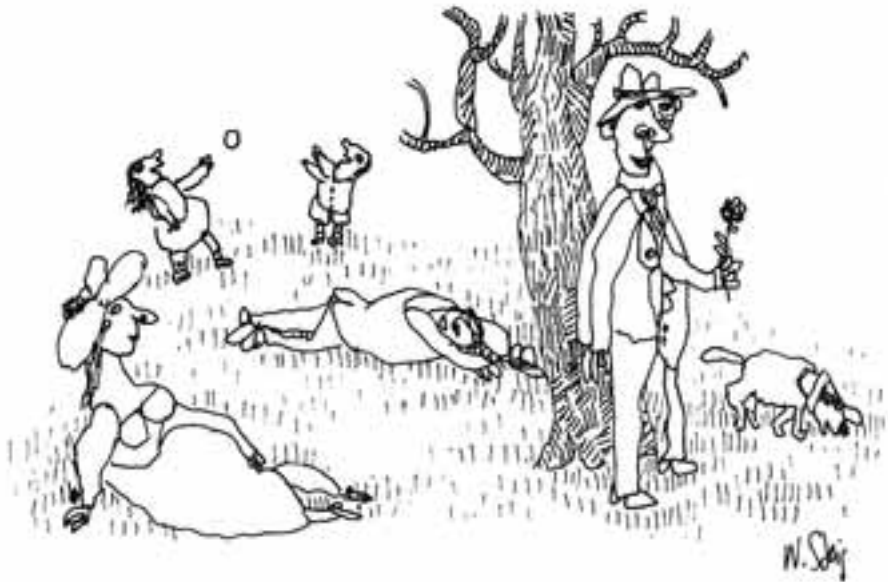




“Good Lord! Not another mini-series.”



"It really is such a small world. I happen to hate her, too."



Saturday



"Honey, I'm home!"



"Honey, I'm home!"





*"I'm sorry, Elizabeth. I've been charming and amusing all day,
and I have no more to give."*



*“All those in favor of establishing government
regulatory agencies say ‘Aye.’”*



*"Something spooky is going on. Have you noticed
how fast 1983 is slipping by?"*



*"Hi. I'm Alan Truscott, the D.A. I'll be prosecuting you
to the full extent of the law."*



*"The two hundred and eight-five thousand includes
a nice wood-burning stove."*







“May I make a suggestion?”



“Before Thornton goes to bed, you might let him spend some time with this toy. It’s a new concept in bubble-making technology. As you will note, it has a number of interchangeable components that allow for many variations and options as to the quantity and dimensions of bubbles produced. He will delight in interfacing with it. As for us, we target 11:30 P.M. as the time of our return.”



*"That may be Craig Claiborne. I asked him to
come over with his wok."*



*"I guess what it means is we're all
members of the stand-in-line generation."*



*"I'd better be getting back to the office. Time
really flies when you're bombed."*

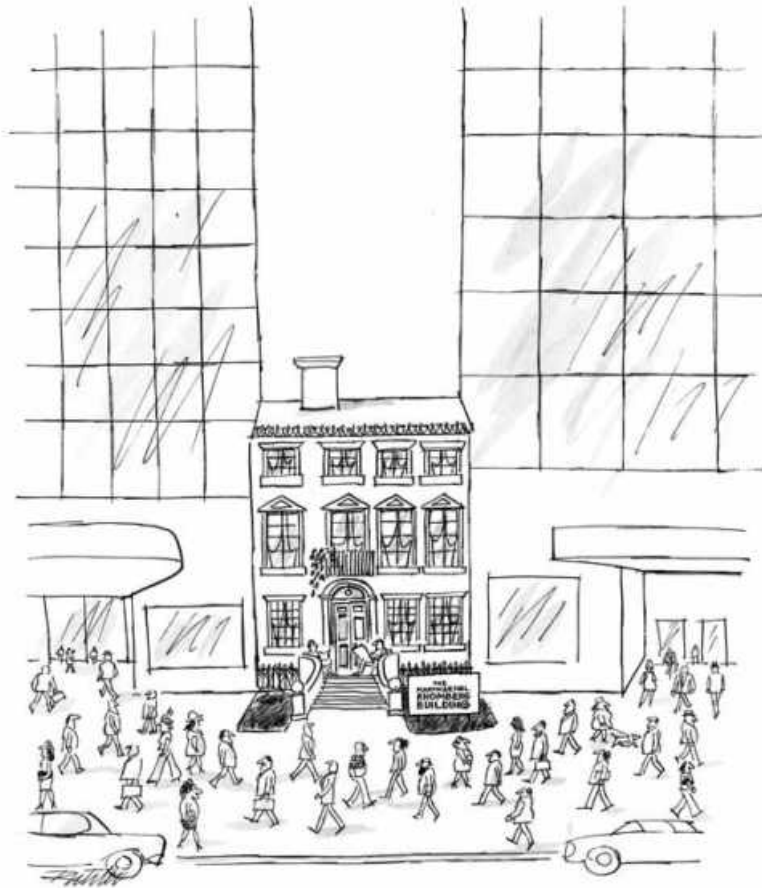


“Joan Rivers is sitting in for Mommy at breakfast.”



*“Hi. I’m Lou Jenkins, and this is my
wife, Mary Lou Jenkins.”*





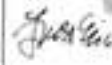


*“It’s no fun being chairman of the Prom Committee
when everyone else is dancing.”*

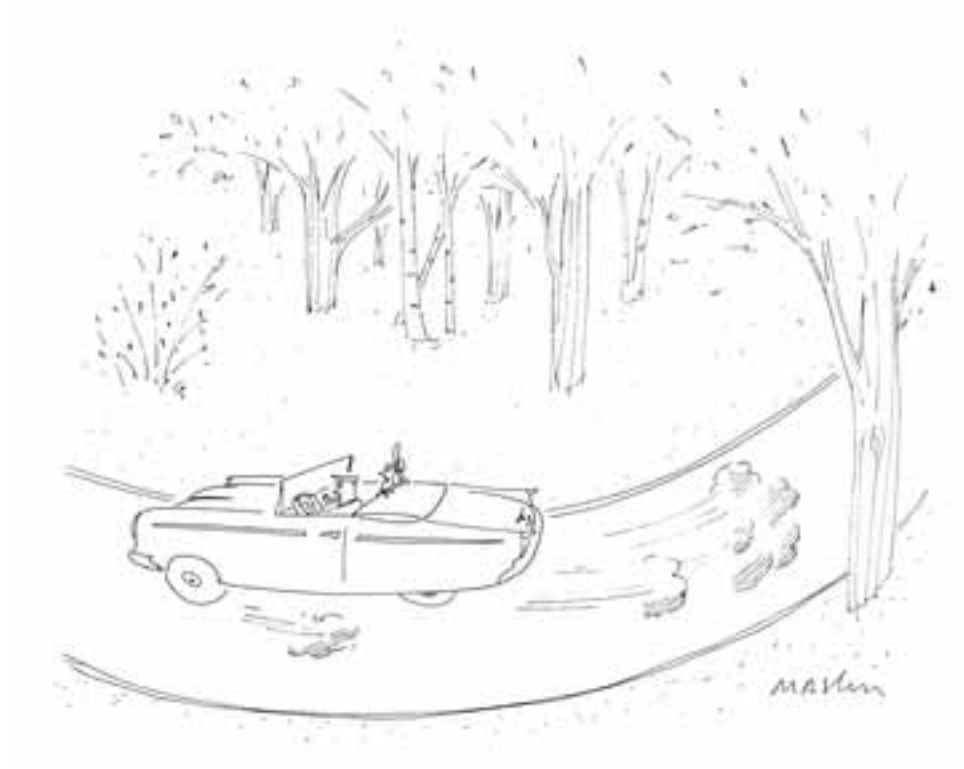


*"Of course you can go to the Gerbers'
the way you look. You look fine."*





"Shibler, what's this I hear about your office containing a rootbound philodendron?"



"I love it when you hug the curb."



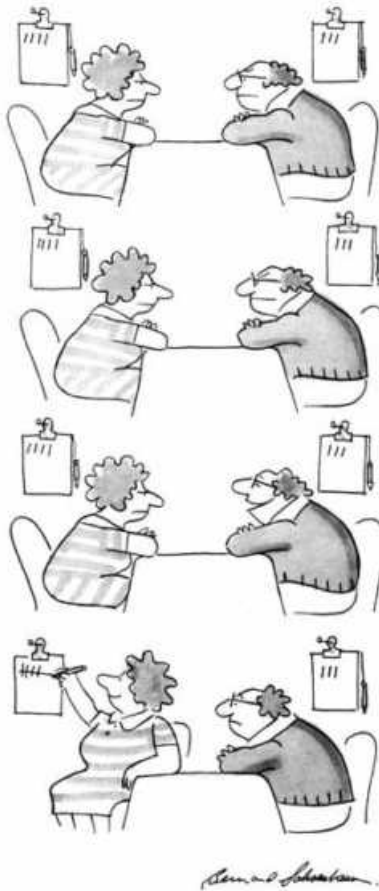
“Well—if I may presume to say so—tomorrow’s another day.”



*“This one was for the wrong war at the wrong time,
this one for the wrong war at the right time,
this one for the right war at the wrong time,
and this one for the right war at the right time.”*

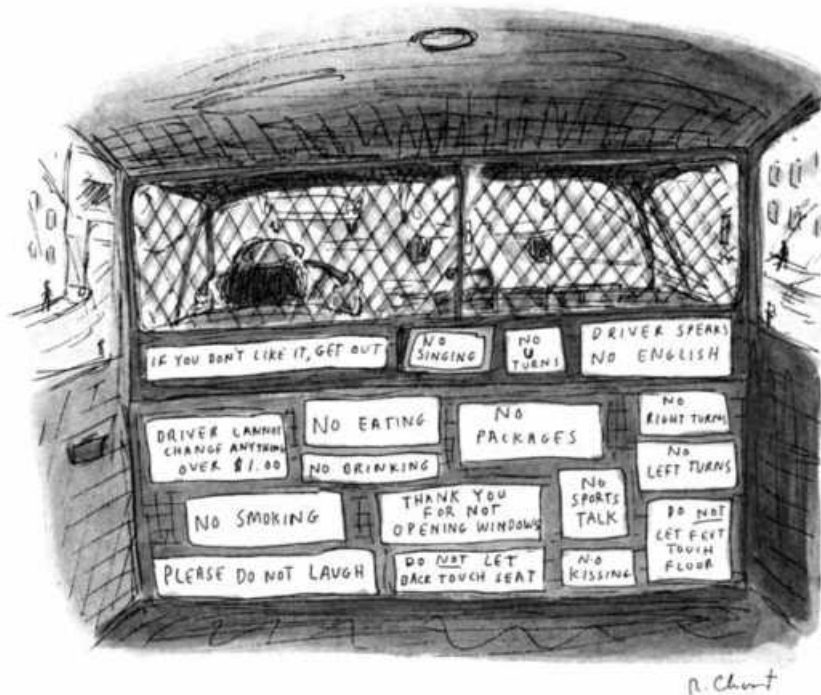


“Scuse me, Officer, but where do the élite meet to eat around here?”



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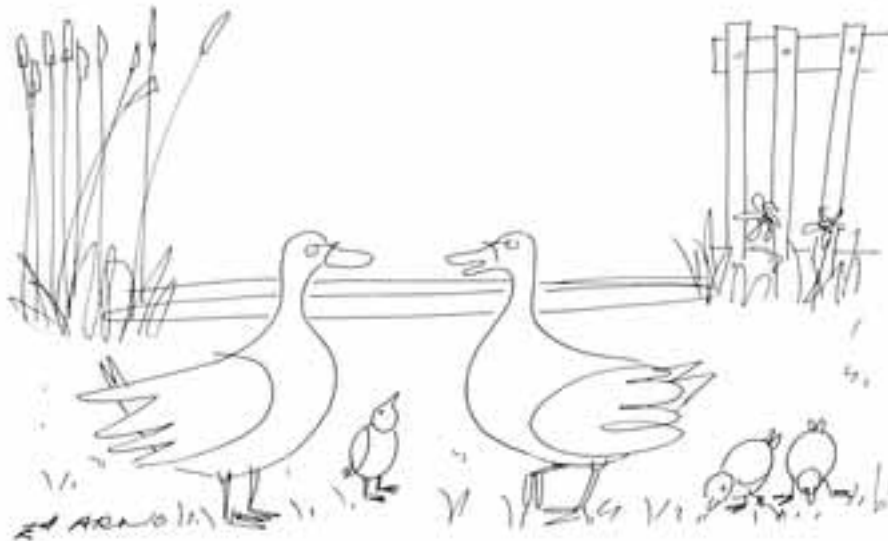
CAB FROM HELL







"I want to be able to speak the desperate things the heart feels."



"Oh, sure, I've laid a few. But that was when gold was over seven hundred dollars an ounce."



*"Sometime, Mr. Whalperton, before I retire, do you think
I could be sent somewhere in the company plane?"*



“Henry, are we really rich or do we just sound rich?”



*"President Reagan threw up his hand today and said,
'Gosh, what's the world coming to!'"*



"We've kicked the theme around to what we think is maximum effect, Pete, and now we'd like to see what it looks like filtered through your sensibility."





*“First of all, I’d like to thank my parents,
who programmed me for success.”*

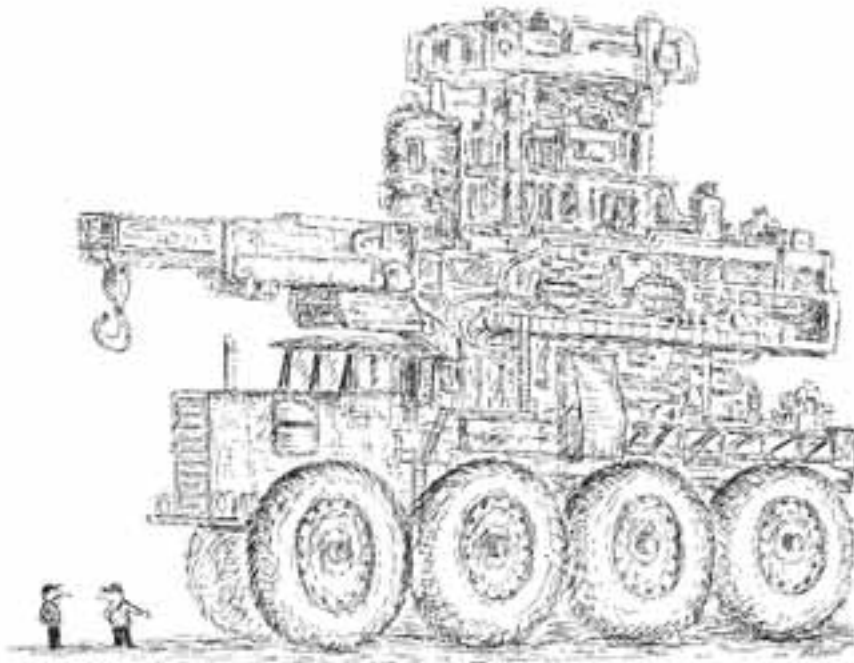


*"With your tea, do you want a croissant,
a bagel, a brioche, or some cookies?"*



"I'm afraid everything is in short supply, Excellency, except stooges."





"She's on the blink."



"We'll take it."



"I'm surprised, Marty. I thought you were one of us."

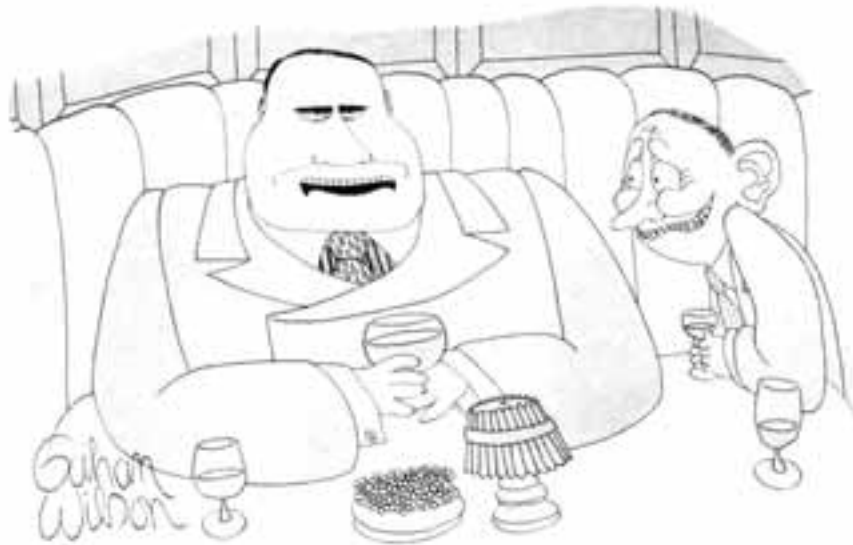


"Dingdong, dingdong."



Treed





"I'm glad you asked me that question."

SUMMER REPLACEMENTS





"It's one thing for the National Commission to comment on the quality of teaching in our schools. It's another thing entirely for you to stand up and call Mr. Costello a yo-yo."



"It's by a woman who still thinks marriage is possible."







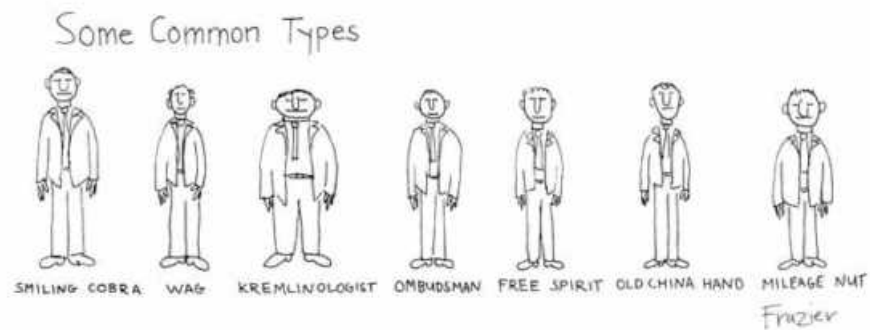
*"Have some kind of beef with the people next door? Why not sue?
It needn't be expensive or complicated. Visit one of our con-
venient offices and get further details."*



"Dottie writes her own lyrics, but the music is by Gustav Mahler."



*"I'm going to Europe to find myself, and John
is going to Asia to find himself."*





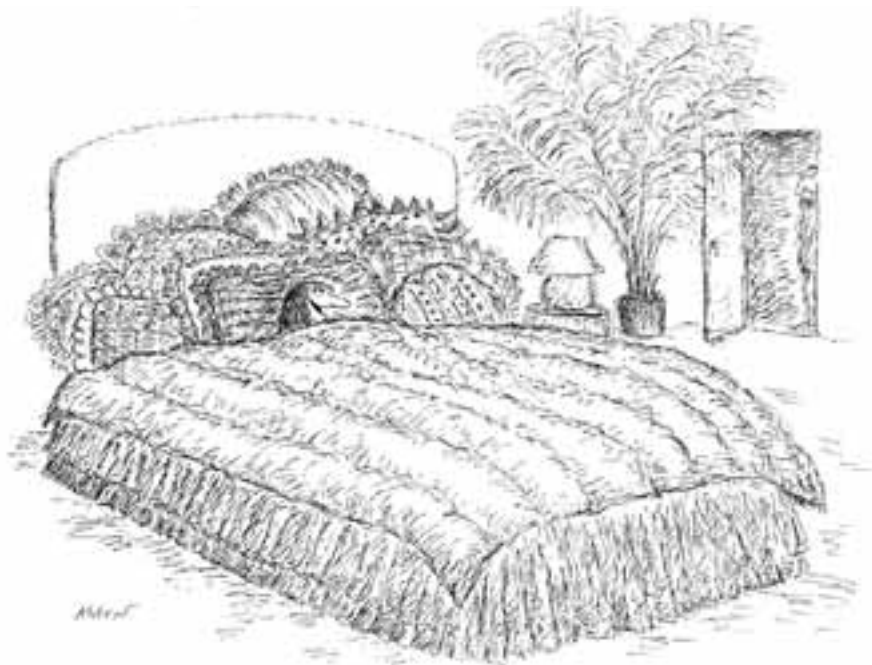


"I have been called an 'American original,' you know!"





"Alternating dwarf yellow marigolds with blue ageratums certainly makes a snappy border, Jennings."



"I'm in here—luxuriating."



*"Good evening, Mr. Belknap. As you may know,
there are three women to every man in New York.
Here are your other two."*



*"It was kind of crazy. When I awoke this morning,
my consumer confidence was back."*



IN A QUANDARY





"I think they're trying to attract professional people."



*“If someone doesn’t propose a merger before the next meeting,
may I suggest we go back to a smaller table?”*



*"You talk to the Dillenbecks and the Sykeses.
I'll work the terrace."*



Evil Spell







“Some days nobody goes anywhere!”



“Tell me, Martha—was I ever, in your opinion, a hunk?”





*"Say, listen. I didn't mean to suggest that
you not wear makeup at all."*



"To teeny-weeny bikinis!"





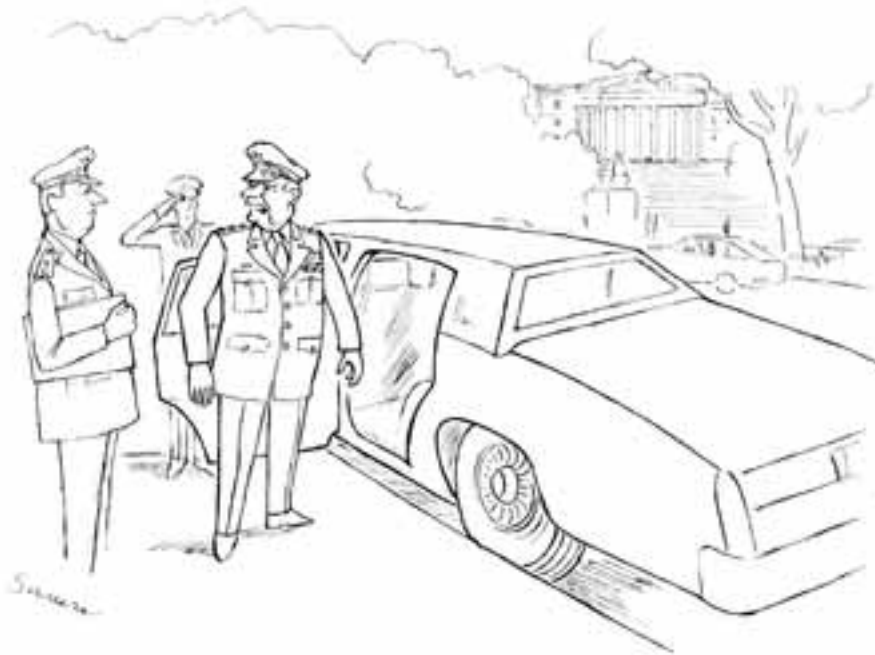
"You're drifting again, Mr. Kletterer!"



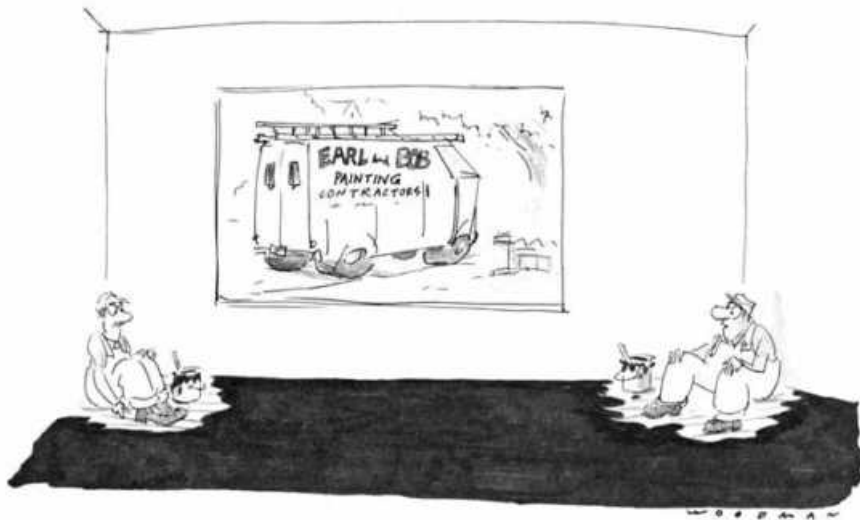
*"Considering the overwhelming case load in our nation's judiciary,
Your Honor, may I suggest you dismiss the charges against me?"*



“May I recommend our Spanakopita Special? It comes with your choice of drink and dessert, plus the Athenian Combo.”



"I like a big car and I like a big missile."



"After all these years, this is pretty hard to believe."



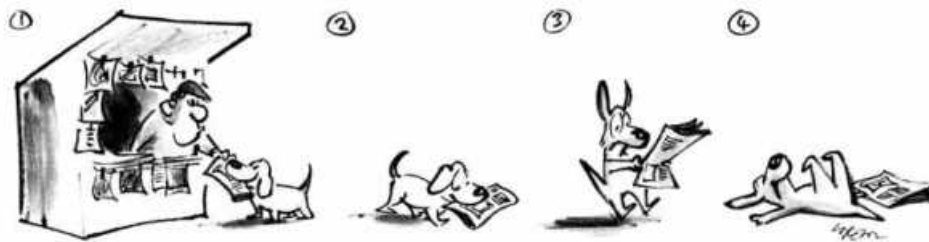
*"Of course, it will make a lot more sense when you
have a piña colada in your hand."*



"It's true that I'm a womanizer. But not, I hope, an unprincipled one. I try not to let it encroach on my environmentalism."

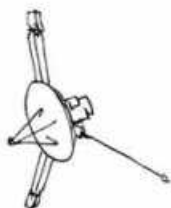


"Mr. Noonan is here with some ideas."





“What is it, Leonard? What happened to your lust for life?”



W. Miller

June 22, 1983 — Pioneer 10 overtakes Harry Langstrom's hat,
blown off at the corner of 23rd and 3rd on March 12, 1936,
and never seen on Earth again.

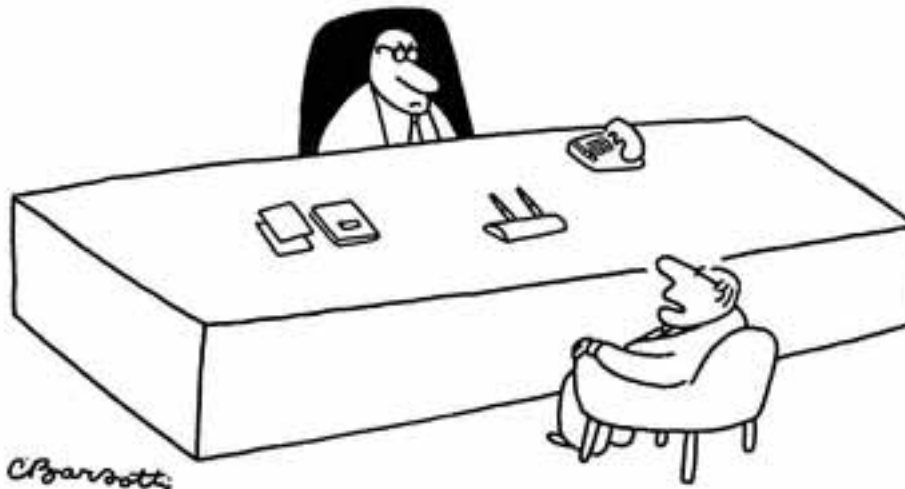


"Son, I'd like to speak to you in my capacity as a father."





"I want to cry, because I'm so very happy."



“Right, Chief, you told me to go to New Jersey to inspect our plant, and I went to a revival of ‘Singin’ in the Rain’ instead. What can I say?”



"None for me, thanks."





P. Steiner





“Splendid, sir! It gives you that Founding Father look!”



"It says 'Please turn to page 14.' Hah! That'll be the day."

THE YOUNG
JACQUES COUSTEAU
AT THE BEACH
WITH HIS MOTHER



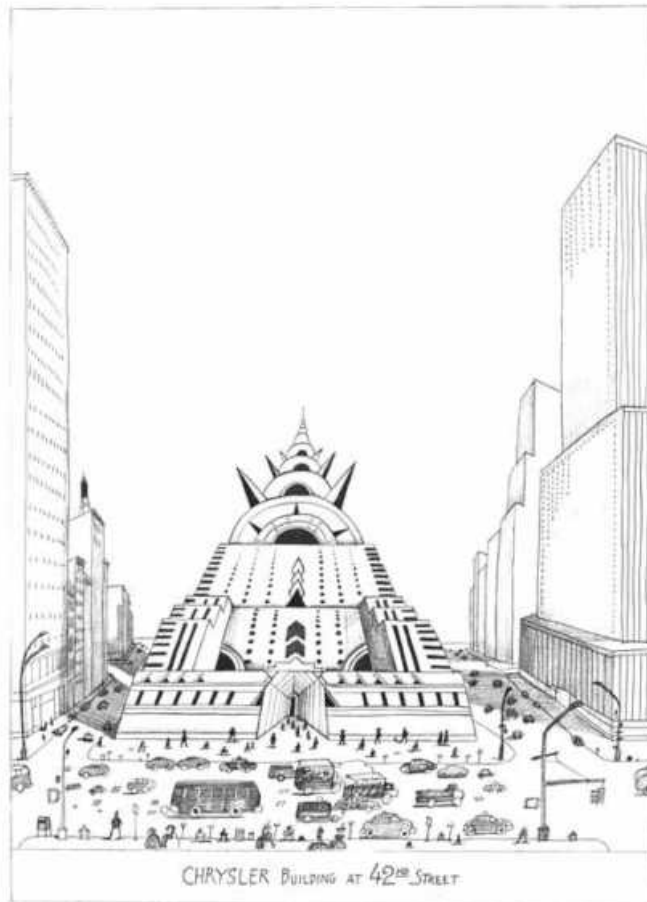
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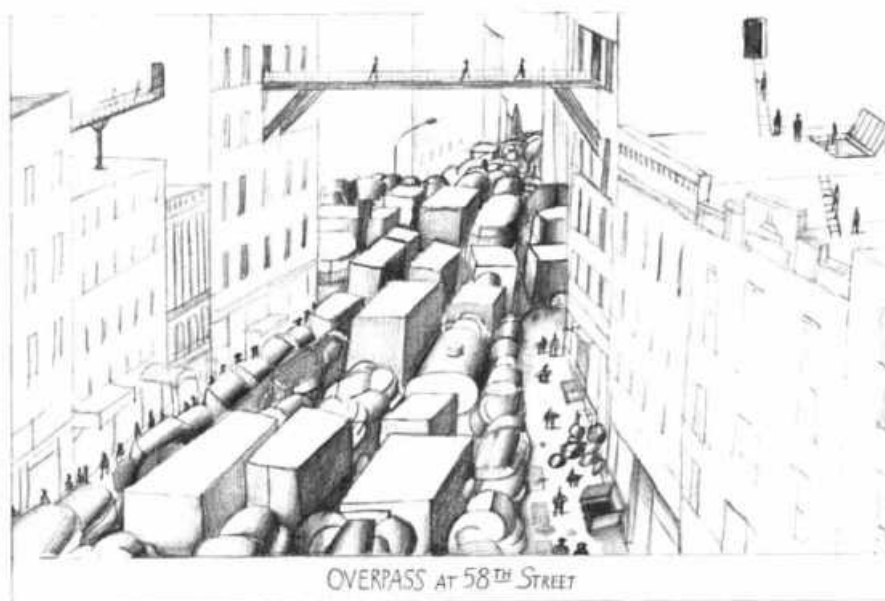
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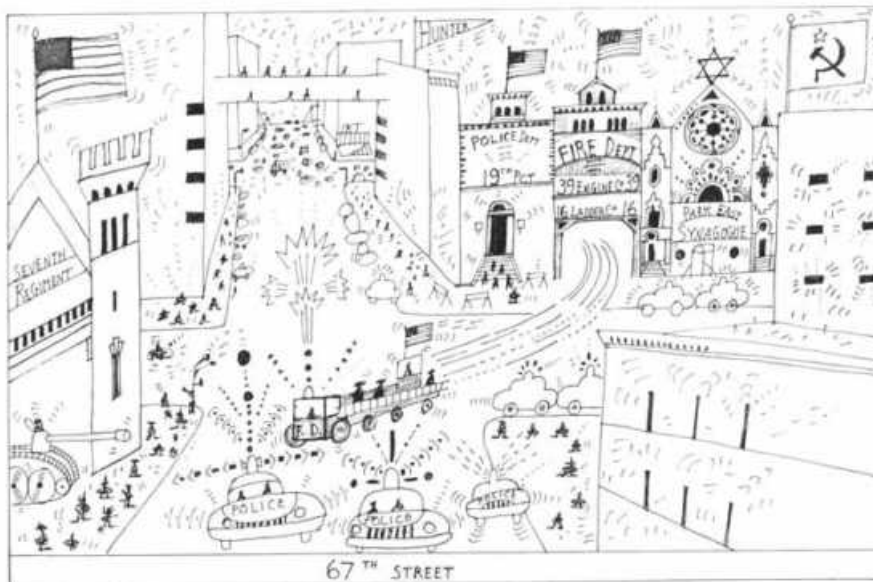
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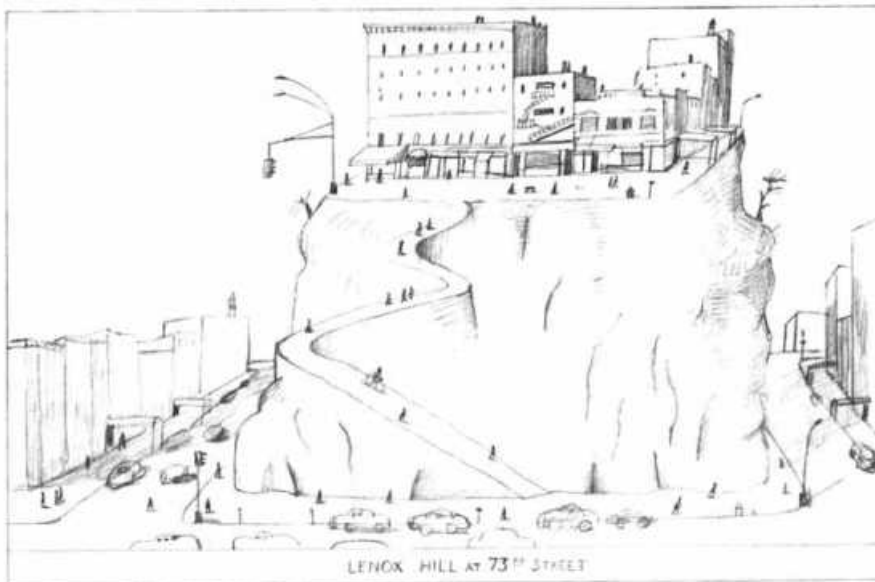
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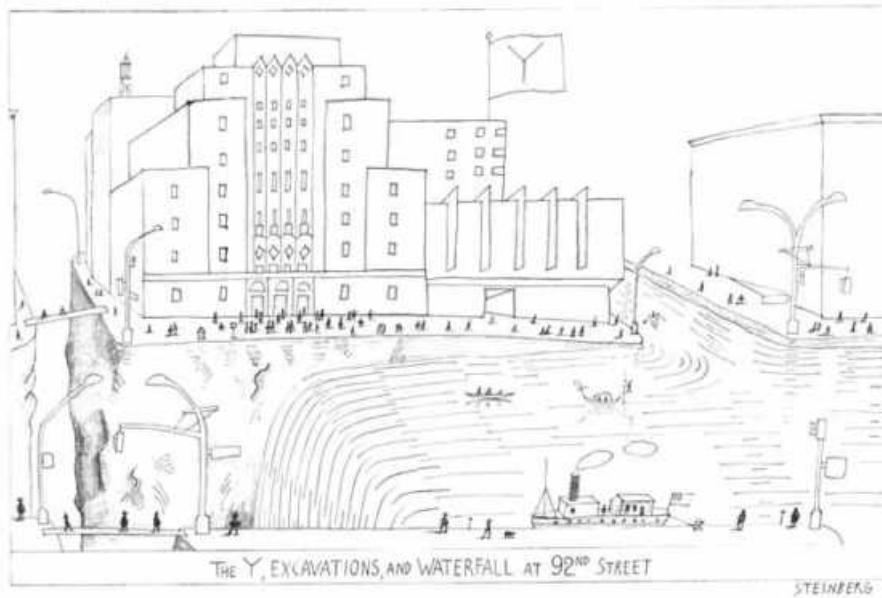
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LEXINGTON AVENUE (6 OF 7)



LEXINGTON AVENUE (7 OF 7)





Chicken Feed



"This concludes the conscious part of your day. Good night."



*“That’s so true! If a woman has anything
on the ball, men feel threatened.”*



*"I'm sorry, what were you saying? I must
have dozed off for a second."*







"You never liked my baking-powder biscuits because they're not your mother's baking powder biscuits! You'll never like anybody's baking-powder biscuits if they're not your mother's baking-powder biscuits! You're pigheaded, Harold! Plain and simple. You're pigheaded!"



"Marry me, Linda. Share in the magic."



"Am I late for the bash?"



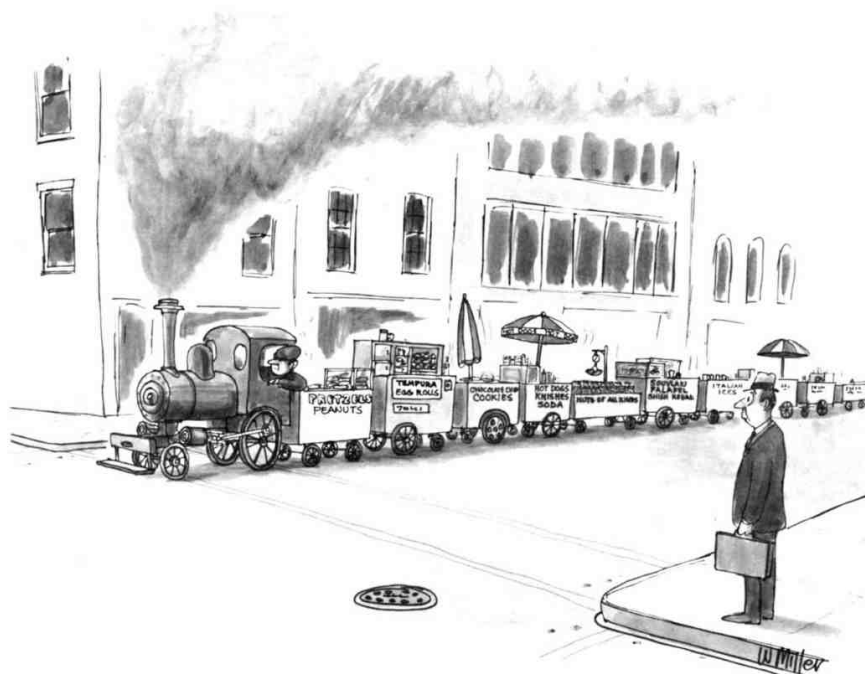


“Admiral Terence Northrup and his wife, Mary-Esther.”





The Tip of the Iceberg.





“Actually, my humor owes something to George Burns and something to Johnny Carson, but in the final analysis I’m me.”



"You've described your experiences well enough, Mr. Frimley. The thing is that quite a few other people were also in World War II, and some of them have already written about it."



*"No, honey, Grandma wore her hair this way
long before anyone ever dreamed of Princess Leia."*



“Admittedly, it’s a complex situation, fraught with dangerous implications from conflicting interpretations of the facts and the pressure of historical enmities, but I’m sure we could come up with something if only I could remember what it was we were talking about.”



*“Unfortunately, as in everything else, Jim’s taste
and mine are miles apart in telephones.”*



"Miss Slinsky, I smell money. Check it out, will you?"



*“Ellen, I’d like you to meet Mr. McClure.
Mr. McClure is into panning for gold.”*



"Orson, look. A little Russian submarine."



"You should have seen it when Arthur was king."

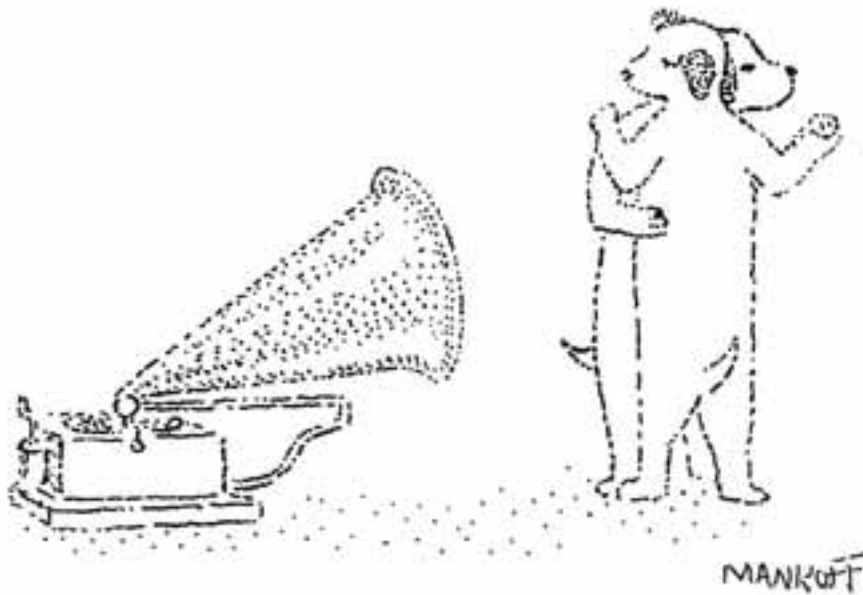


“Why don’t we split the responsibility? You move, and I’ll shake.”



“What you have to understand is that loss, tragedy, dismay and irony are all basic to the human condition.”



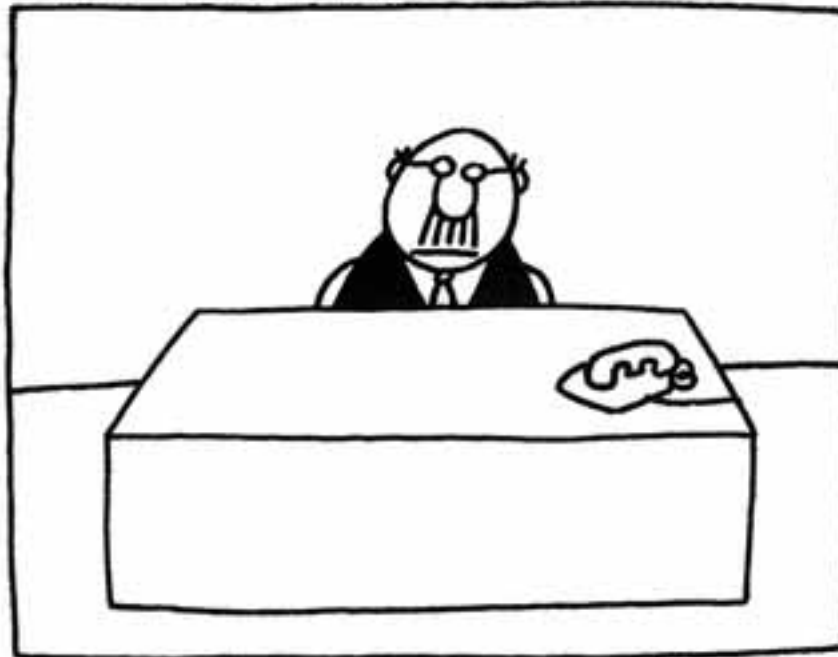




THE STYLE OF ELEMENTS



THE CENTER CAN HOLD



Charles Barsotti



"I believe you know Mars, God of Defense."



*"You must have a heavy black cast-iron skillet.
If you don't have a heavy black cast-iron skillet,
forget the whole recipe."*



"The sad part of being a dictator is that one has so few close friends and those few have to be watched very carefully."

1983



*"Mr. Vonder, your wife is on the phone.
She says your son is climbing the RCA Building."*

SOME FAMOUS SHOVING MATCHES (I OF 5)



Nabokov-Wilson

SOME FAMOUS SHOVING MATCHES (2 OF 5)



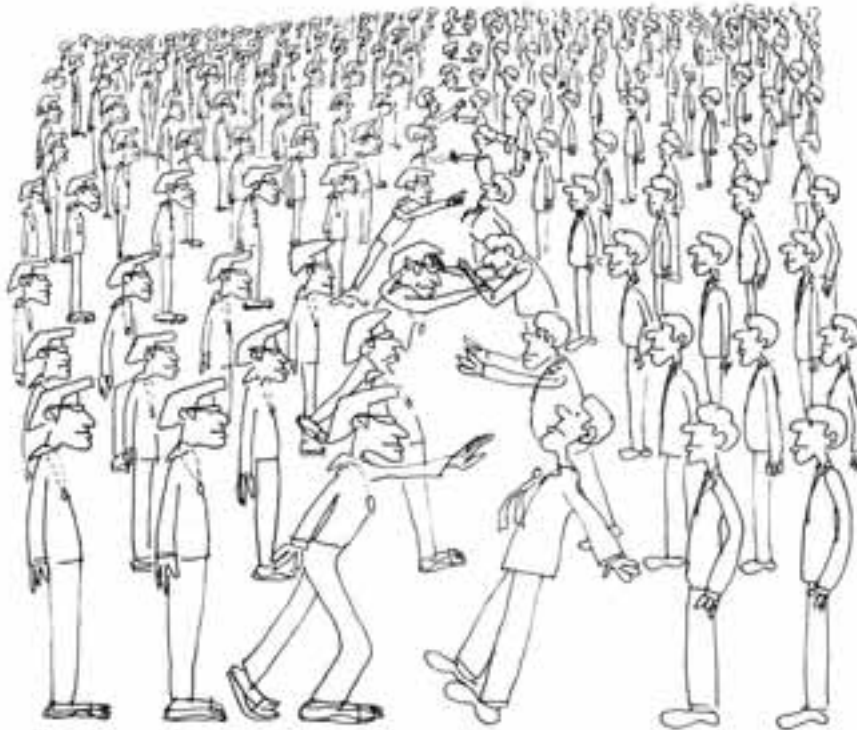
Freud-Jung

SOME FAMOUS SHOVING MATCHES (3 OF 5)



Lincoln-Douglas

SOME FAMOUS SHOVING MATCHES (4 OF 5)



L.A.-New York

SOME FAMOUS SHOIVING MATCHES (5 OF 5)



Moby Dick-Captain Ahab



"Oh, that. That's wrong."



"I can't remember the title, but it's the one Joe Papp sings about to the tune of 'Wait 'til the Sun Shines, Nellie.'"



"What I like about that getup is the way his socks fall down every time I clear my throat."



"That's the trouble with pets. They're so destructive."



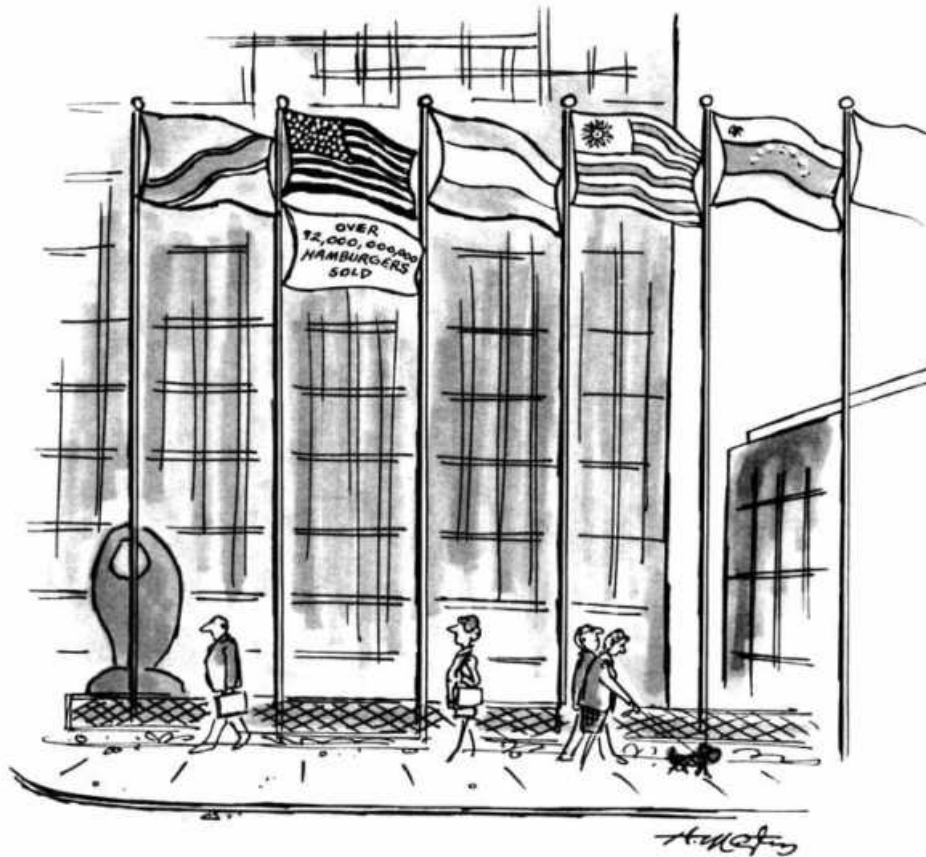
Breathtaking Beauty



*"Well, Mr. Corbett, we've been a very
naughty space cadet, haven't we?"*



"This gives my confidence a real boost."





"My motto was 'Go with the Flow,' but I had no idea the flow would end up here."



"It's lawyerly all right. But it's not legal."



*"Hi, I'm Goopy, the animated duck, and
from now on I'll be bringing you the news!"*

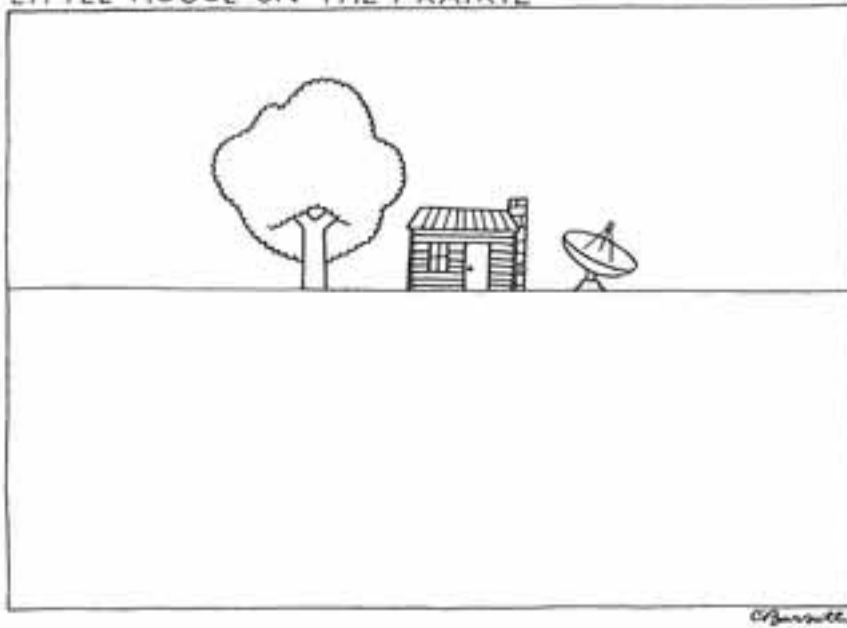






*“Are you kidding? Zelda, here, has seen
‘Gone with the Wind’ a hundred and eighty times!”*

LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE





*"I'm tired of George Steinbrenner, I'm tired of Norman Mailer,
I'm tired of Brooke Shields, I'm tired of Paul Volcker,
I'm tired of all of them. The only thing I'm not tired of is trucks."*



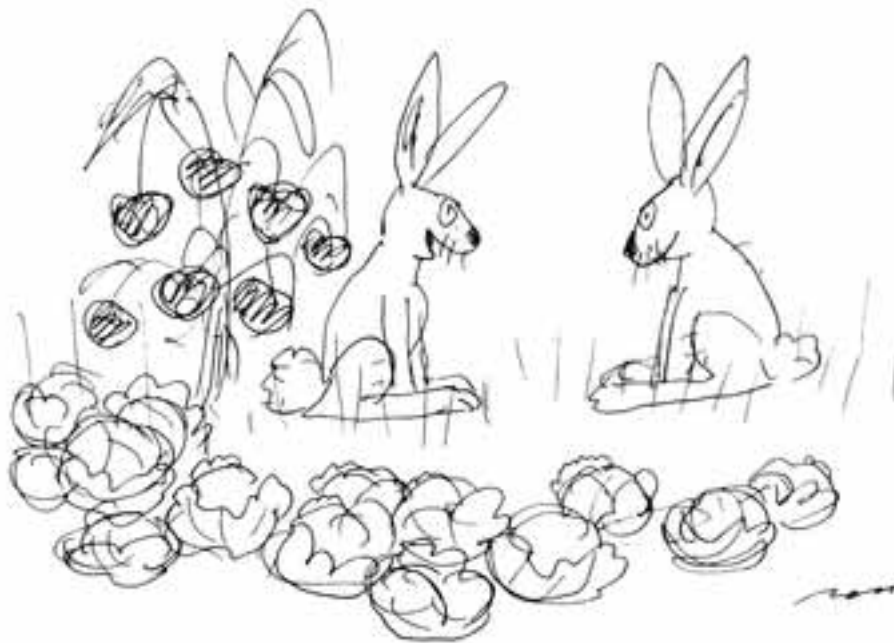


*"Maynard, I do think that just this once
you should come out and see the moon!"*

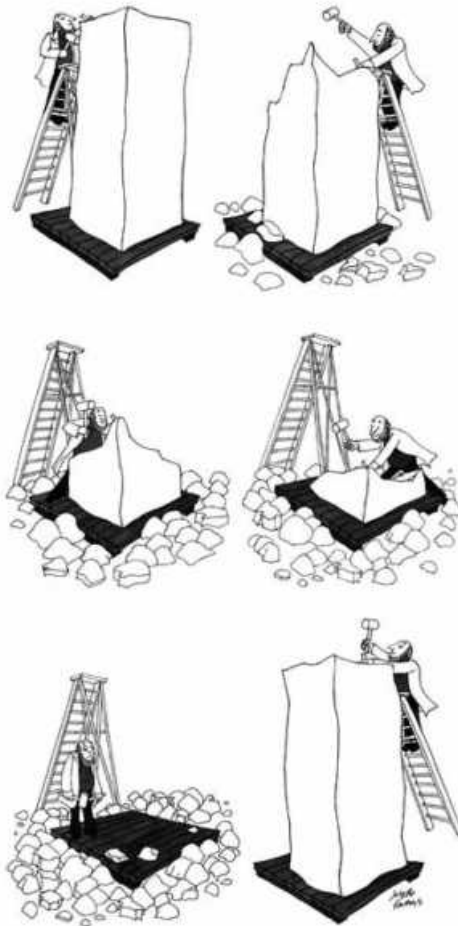


"I'm sorry, but I don't laugh out loud!"





“We got lettuce. We got tomatoes. All we need is mayonnaise.”





"I don't believe we've met. I'm Chuck Shindler, a big, lovable bear of a man."



"It comes in five important colors."



"I seem to have a need to fail. On a grand scale, of course."



*"Oh, they're an interesting bunch, all right.
They just don't happen to interest me."*



"I've been a prominent physician for many years and have had an unusual career. I worked closely with a colleague, and together we developed several new diagnostic techniques, travelled the world, and established clinics in many remote areas. Our joint autobiography was well received, and Hollywood got wind of it. They have now begun production of the film. It will star Cheech and Chong."



*“For God’s sake, Marvin, are you going to live
your entire life on the edge of your chair?”*



“Mrs. Mortimer, I’m Clarence Bridgewater, of High Meadow Farms. For the past eighteen years, we have been sending you, at your request, our complimentary seed catalogue. My question, Madam, is: When the hell are you going to buy some seeds?”







*"Buck up, Winslow.
It takes all kinds—including you."*



*“Miss Barclay, go out and get me a plaque
with some amusing motto, will you?”*

B E E S



WORKER



QUEEN



DRONE



CONSULTANT

mcrawford





*“You know what they’re saying all over town, don’t you?
They’re saying you’re always out of butter pecan.”*





“Where’s the business end of this thing?”



Irresolute Group



HAUTE CUISINE



NOUVELLE CUISINE



CUISINE VÉRITÉ

Stuart Leeds



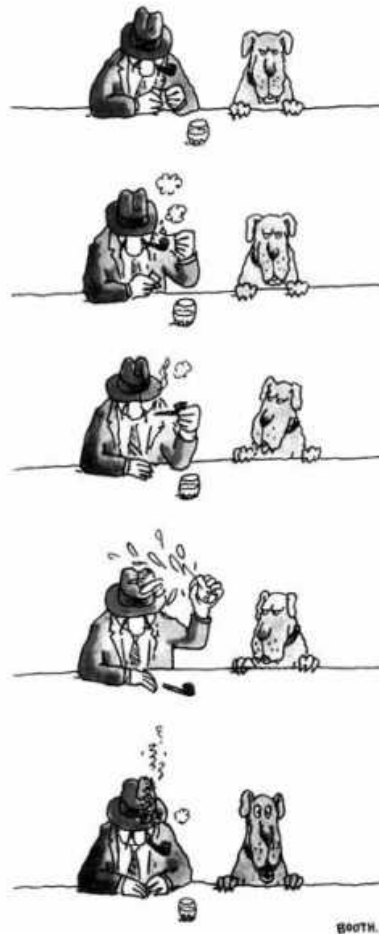
*"The trouble with Nantucket is you just
can't reach people from five to seven."*





"A likely story!"









"Hear that, folks? They do! How 'bout that!"





"I'll talk to you later, Stella. It's the return of the Jedi."



*“Edward has an Aunt Fiona who is
neither fish nor fowl, haven’t you, dear?”*



“Thirty days. And, by the way, that was a very nice rendition of ‘Feelings.’”



*"If debt is a measure of consumer confidence, we have
become very confident indeed."*



“And on my right is Joe Nast, representing an opposing viewpoint.”



*“Good heavens, young man, I didn’t know
Mozart could come out of one of those things.”*



"It has been moved and seconded that we transfer our headquarters back to the city. All in favor?"



“Hail to thee, Frederick Law Olmsted!”



“How do you do? I’m an unnamed government official.”



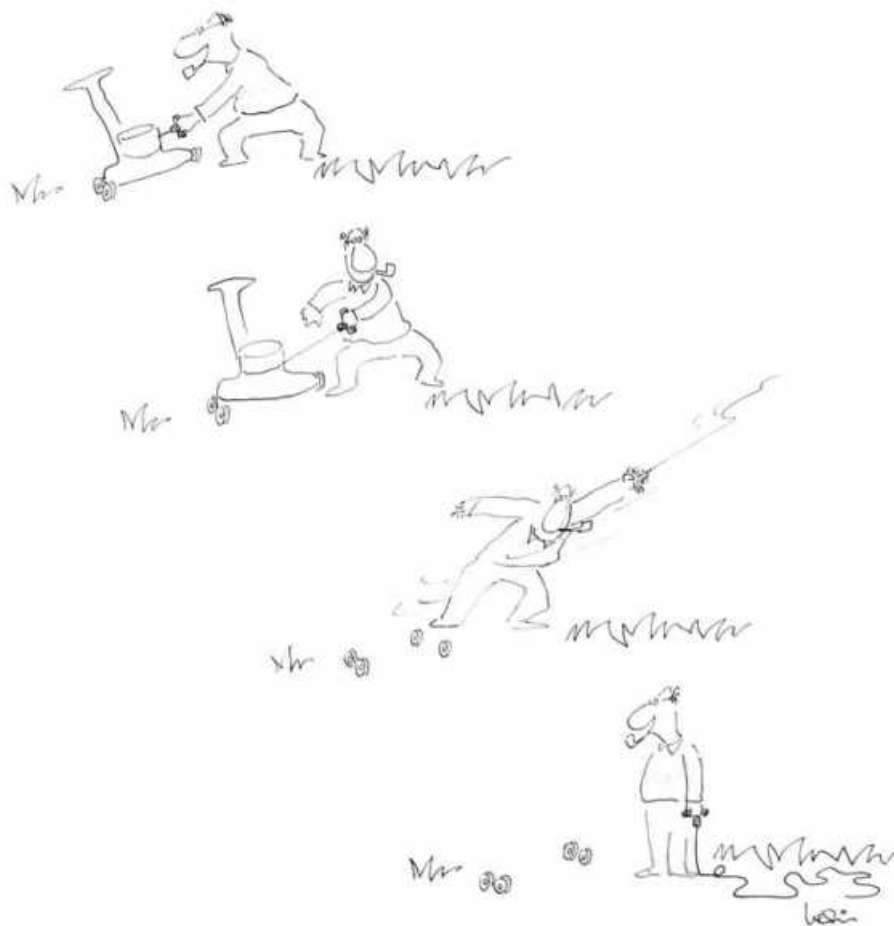
*"I wouldn't normally recommend the coquilles
Saint-Jacques, but our chef is on a roll."*





Flower-Picking Wife







"You didn't win the lottery again."



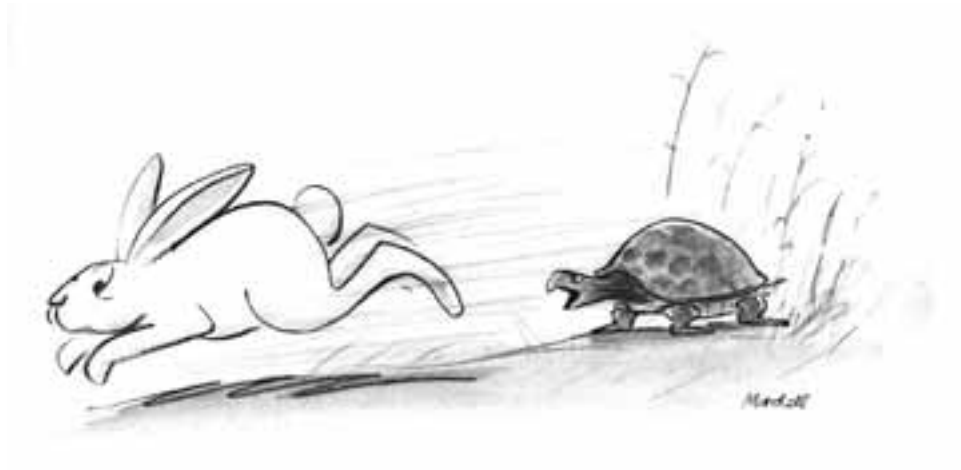


Everett Opie (8/8/1983)

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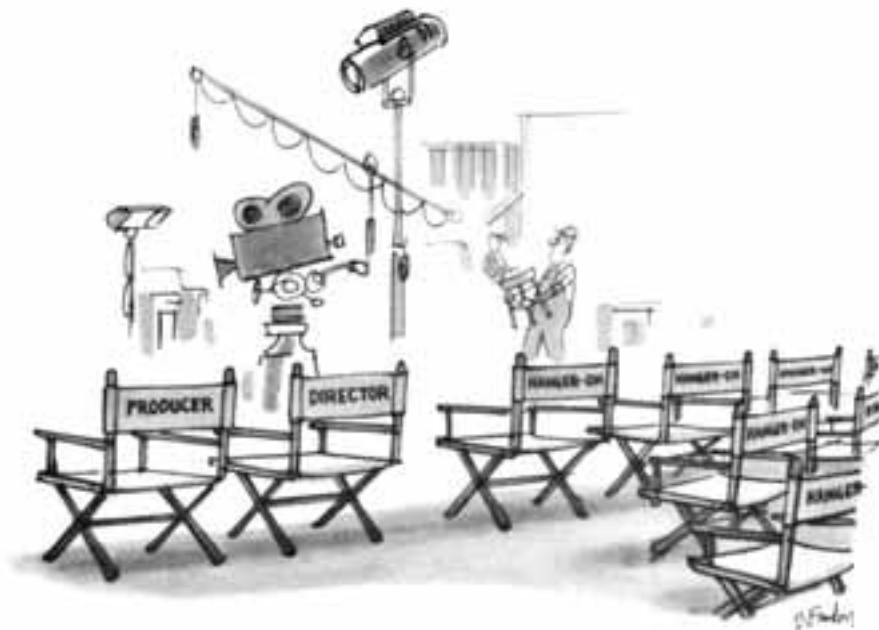


“Basically, what we’re selling here is peace of mind.”



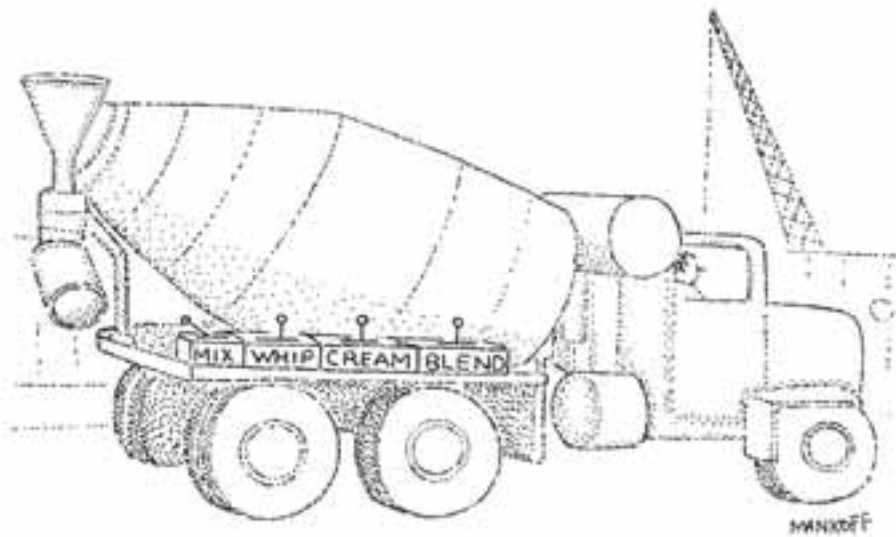
“Where’s the fire?”







"I'm afraid the antipasto is a bit rebellious this evening."





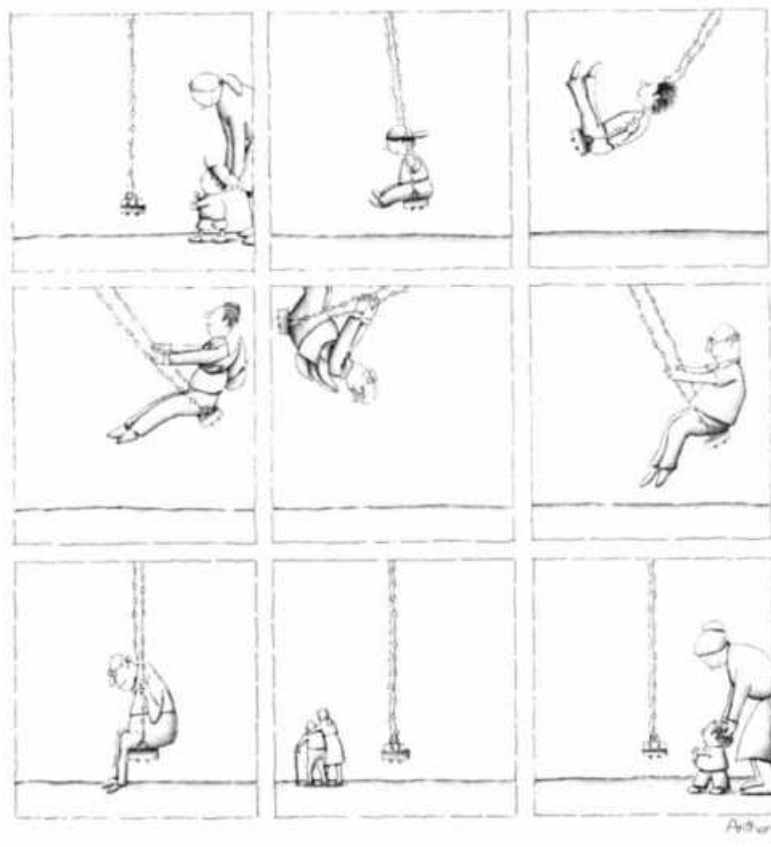
"I'm for Fritz Mondale. My second choice is Fritz Hollings, and my third choice is Fritz Cranston."







*"No one likes him at all, but I understand
he has a large following in Japan."*

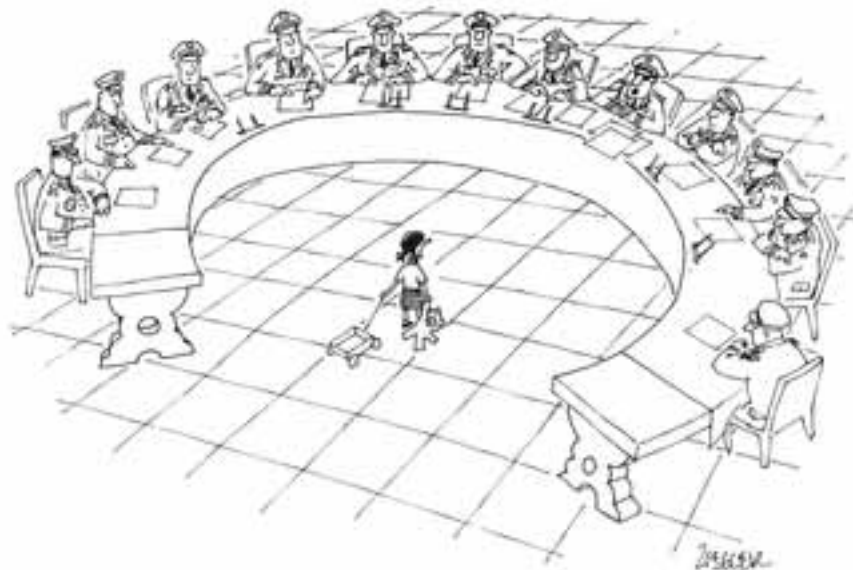




Begone, Dull Care



"He's always on the go."



“And what can the Joint Chiefs of Staff do for you today, little girl?”



“You sure this is such a good idea?”



“Jerry can’t come to the phone. He’s just entered the vacation mode.”

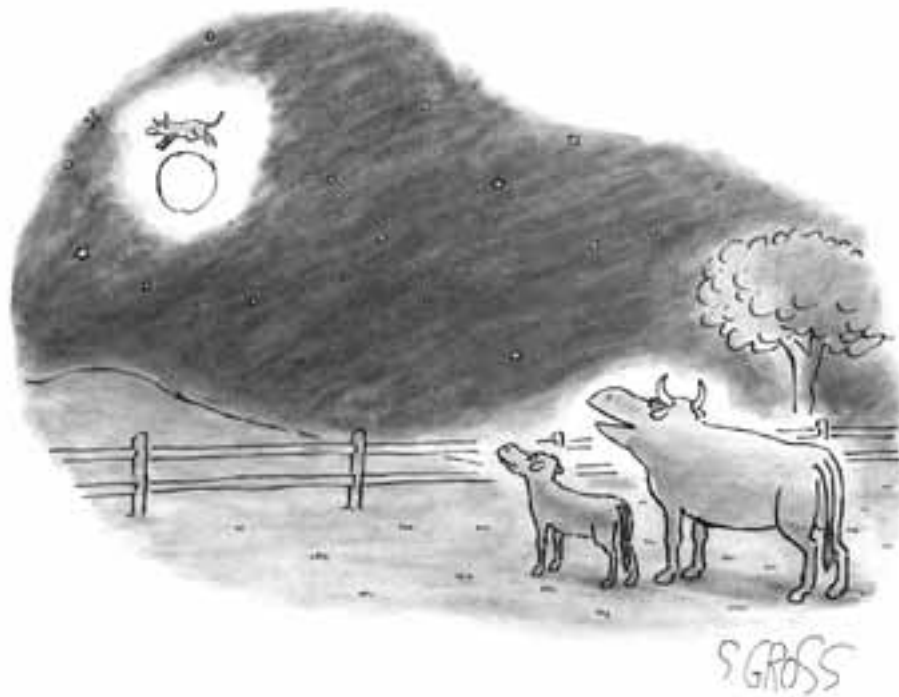




*"Miss Dunwoodie is here to say goodbye to
just getting by and to say hello to a loan."*



“And close with the usual—‘I neither condemn nor condone it, but suspend judgment pending further study.’”

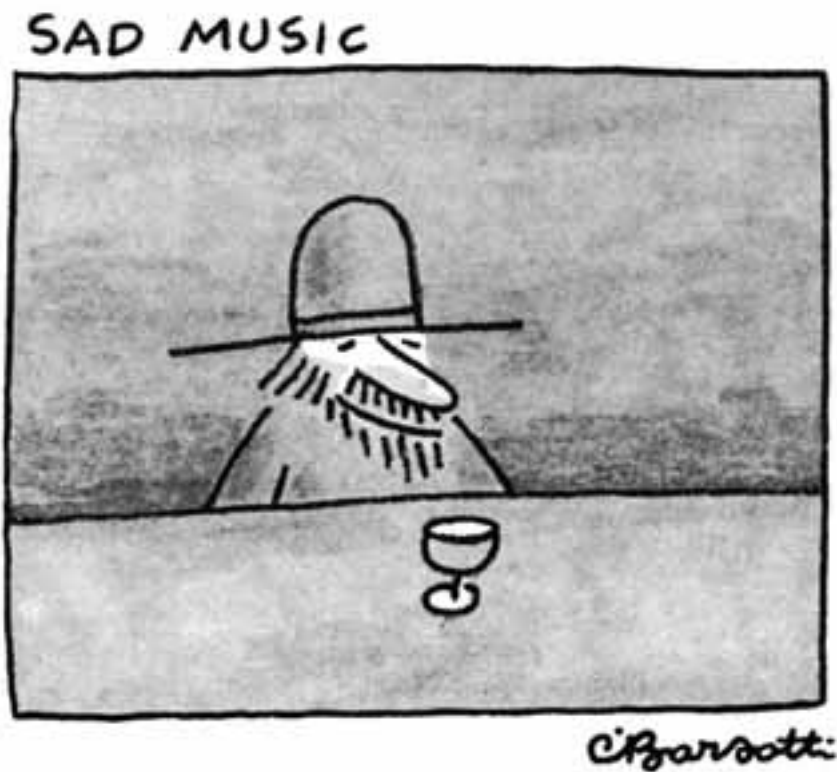


"Son, your mother is a remarkable woman."





“Wally Prestwicke, Self-Employed, Holds His Annual Picnic.”





“My goodness, Professor Sydney, isn’t anyone talking to you?”





"I've been a Roman slave, an Egyptian scribe, a Chinese philosopher, and a Medici prince. Currently, I'm in picture research at J. Walter Thompson."



"Come on in. Nobody seems to be having a good time, but that's O.K."

BUCKWOOD FALLS (1 OF 2)



It was just as I remembered it. Little had changed since last I walked these familiar streets and heard for the first time the kick-step music born in Buckwood Falls so many years ago.



The old bunch was there on the green bench at Pearl's—Leroy (Tater) Bagwald, fingering his cornet; Big Freddie Dilberg, his fiddle cradled under his arm; Jim Toller, surrounded by his drums; Uncle Luke Vergut with his sliphorns; and the rest.



There, behind the bull fiddle, was Kerwin (Ol' Kicks) Massie, the leader himself. "Still at it," he said, and grinned. "Still pump-in!" The legend lives!



Softly, privately, Fred Dilberg picked at his fiddle. I recognized the opening strains of the traditional "Rise Your Wash in the River." Jim Toller closed his eyes and took up the beat. They were playing! Playing for me!

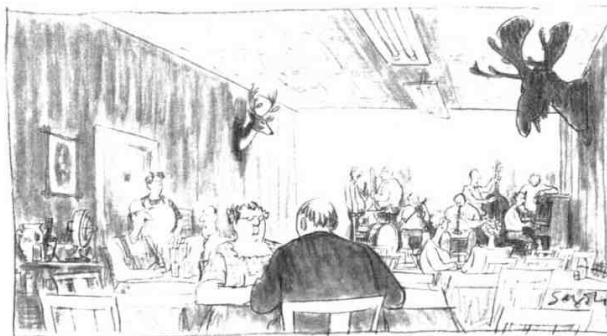
BUCKWOOD FALLS (2 OF 2)



How am I to describe the unforgettable sound? Listen to Tater Bagwald; "It's a feeling. You can't play this music unless you love it. Then you pass it along to the world."



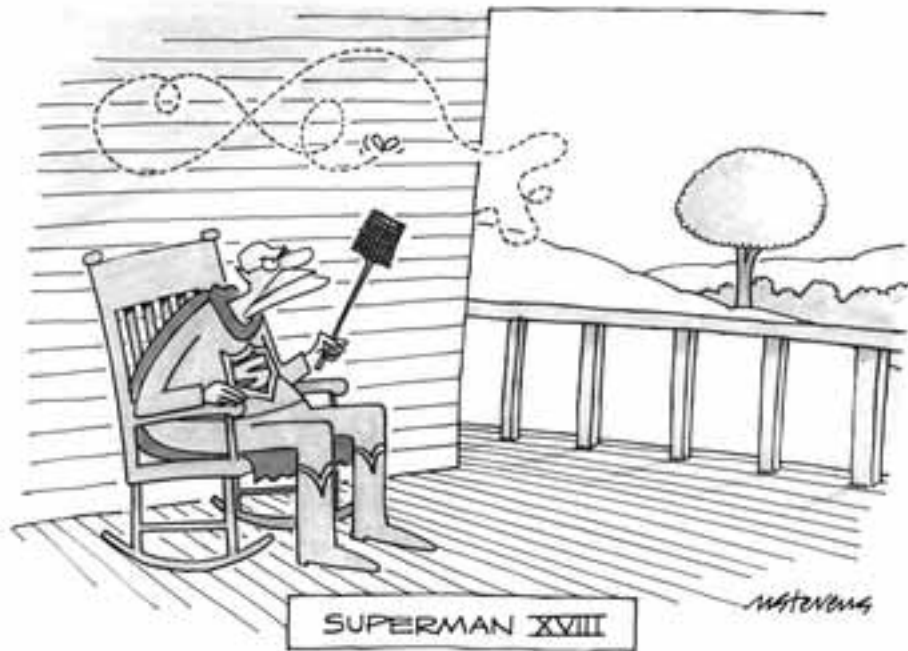
The old kick-step might have faded into obscurity when McDonald's opened on the Route 43 bypass, but loyal Buckwood Falls aficionados rose en masse to keep Pearl's open. "Music's got roots," said Uncle Luke. "It don't just blow away."



Now it was Friday. People were gathering at the pine tables behind the Coke machine. As Bobby Apdorf loosened his fingers at the battered upright, you could feel the tension rise. It was time for me to leave. The ensemble lit into a pounding chorus of everybody's favorite, "Curd and Biscuits." I closed the door reluctantly and walked away into the humid night.



The Eternal Sea





*"I admire your honesty and integrity, Wilson,
but I have no room for them in my firm."*



"It's your home computer. It wants to know why you're not home."



"Not everybody could pull it off, but you can."





“Our group used to go up to Walden to pay homage to Thoreau every year at this time, but now we just gather at Tavern-on-the-Green.”





"Let's flee!"



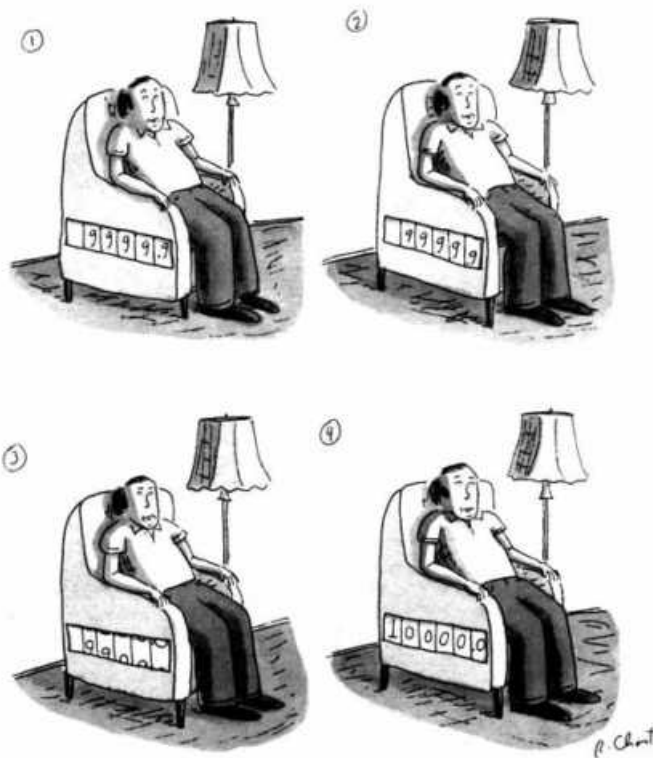
“Accepted for many years as a work of Angelo Carlo Rutenna, of Vignale. It is now believed that the museum really got taken on this one.”



"Some of Winthrop's foul-weathered friends."

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JOE'S FAVORITE CHAIR TURNS OVER





*“Yes, Colonel, I am he who is called He
Who Sits by the Fast-Moving Water.”*



“Love them rays, Chief.”



“Now there’s only one thing lacking—someone interviewing you.”





"If you ask me, all three of us are in different states of awareness."



“Where have all the laughs gone?”



“If you like atriums, don’t miss the one at the Ford Foundation.”





“Ooh, Mr. Billings! Suspenders! How cute!”



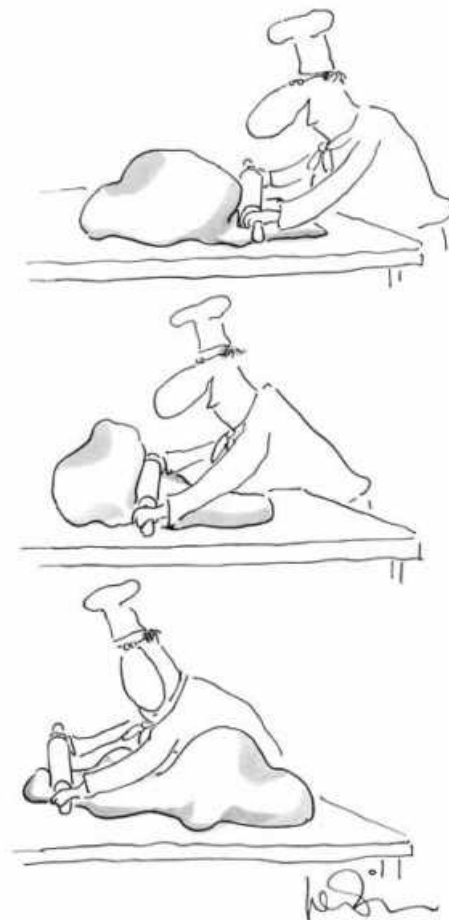
"For Willard, life is a ball. For me, it isn't."



“It’s hard to believe that everything doesn’t have a military solution.”



"The tiny winged beings, Sire, are called gnats."





"You're terrific, Katia. You think like 'The New York Review of Books' and look like 'Vogue.'"



James Stevenson (8/29/1983)

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*“Little do they know what they’re in for when they say
‘If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to write.’”*



"What's that all about, Janson?"

"It's my nom de commerce, sir."



"Elliot never exceeds the speed limit. He never exceeds anything."



"Want to fight?"

MOMS OF OTHER PLANETS







*"It's getting serious.
They're spending two weeks together at tennis camp."*

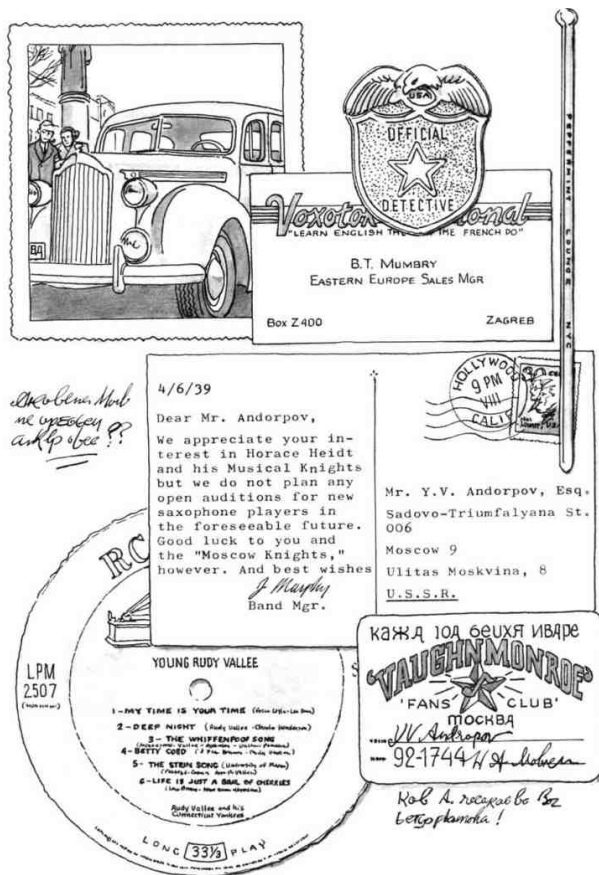


"My philosophy is to sit down and the hell with being counted!"

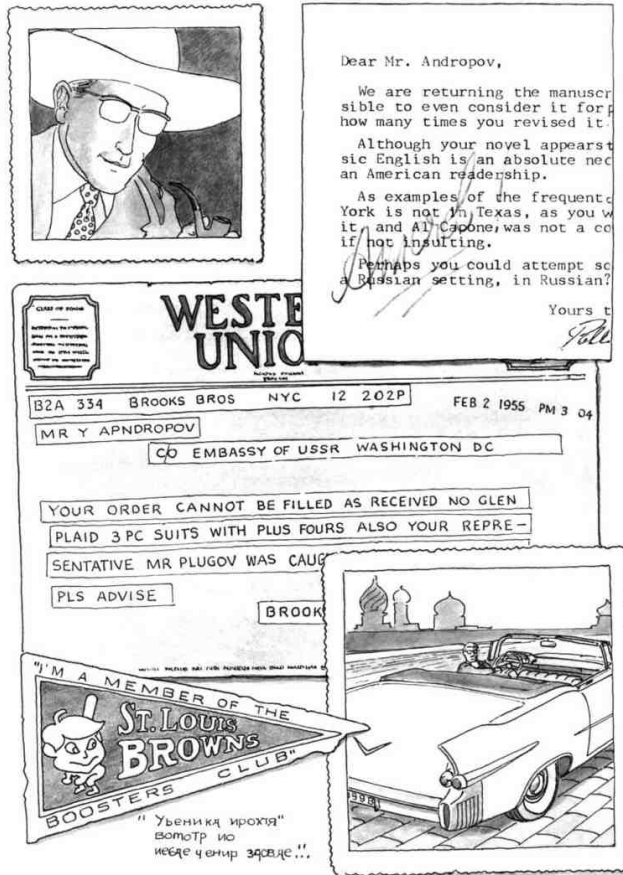


"That will be Williams with your Twinkie."

SCRAPBOOK OF Y. V. ANDROPOV (1 OF 2)



SCRAPBOOK OF Y. V. ANDROPOV (2 OF 2)



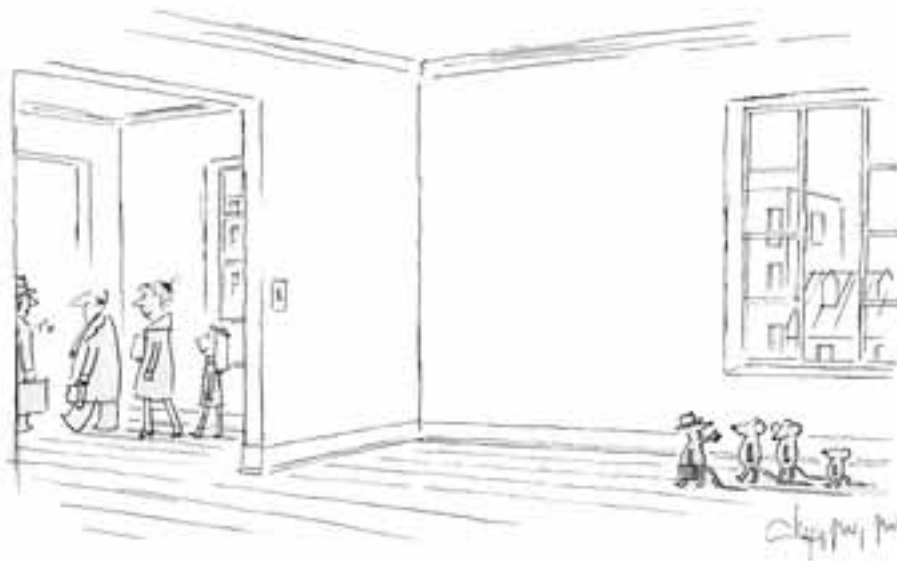
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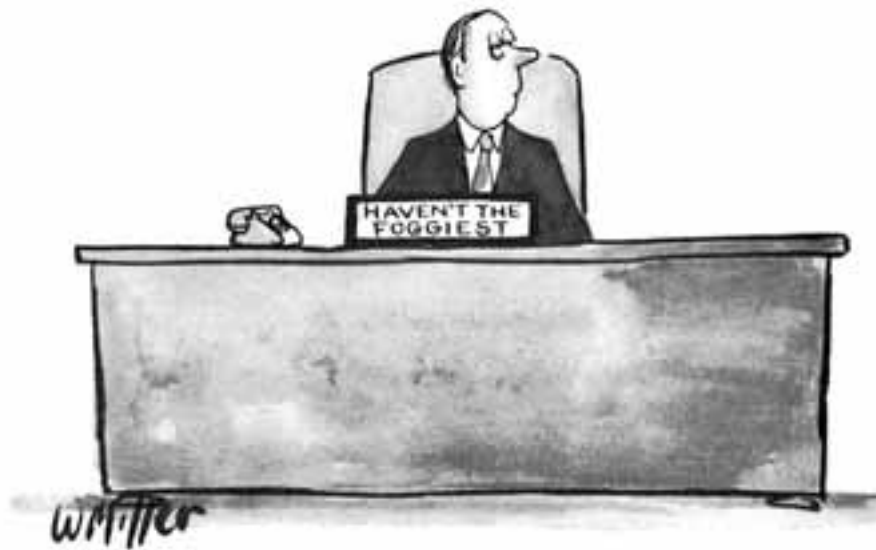


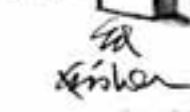
A Few of the Boys



“James W. Frolkin, yet another attorney-at-law.”







"That was back then. I now espouse gerontocracy."



"Our group shares a lot of giggles."





*"I'd like to have you meet Mr. Clarendon and
Mr. Rafferty, his questionable associate."*

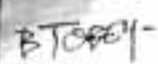




"Mother says you're a single parent, too. How's it going?"



"I will have the senior-executive businessman's lunch, and Hooper here will have the junior-executive businessman's lunch."



“My imagination soars. I need a job that can encompass it.”



"Now that Rebecca is 'must' reading, my life with her has become insupportable, unbearable—a living hell."



*"We might make unwise international loans, Mr. Simpson,
but we don't make unwise loans to individuals."*



“Let’s just make that last remark of Don’s an outtake, shall we?”

ORDER (1 OF 8)



*Buying one-color socks
eliminates pairing.*

ORDER (2 OF 8)



*Baskets of stuff stacked against the walls
conserve fuel, and get the stuff out from underfoot.*

ORDER (3 OF 8)



ORDER (4 OF 8)



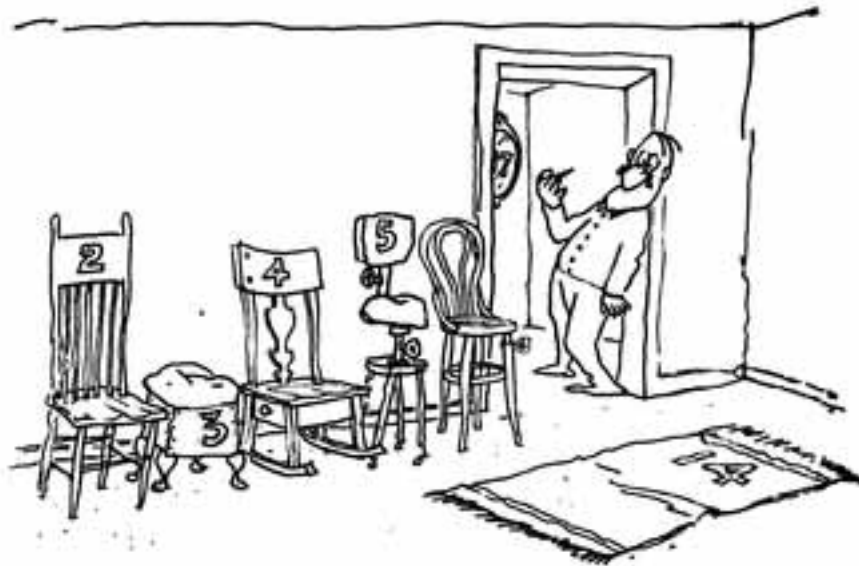
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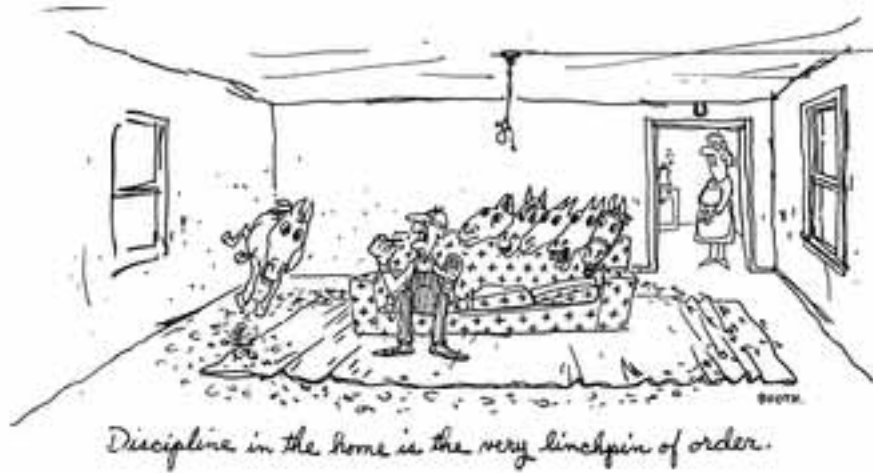


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Furniture functions better with numbers.

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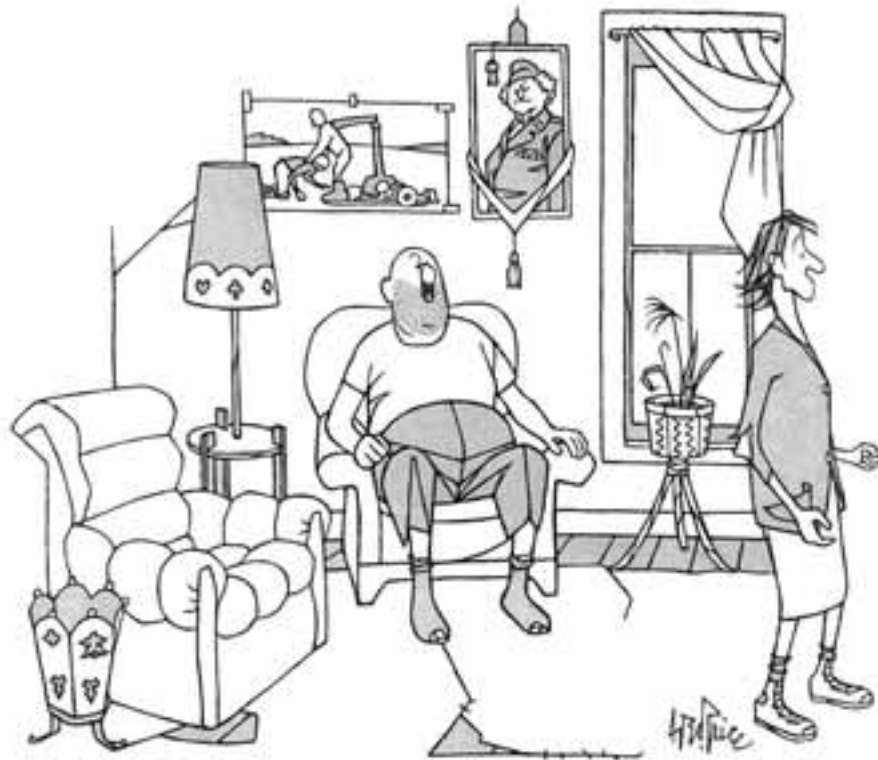




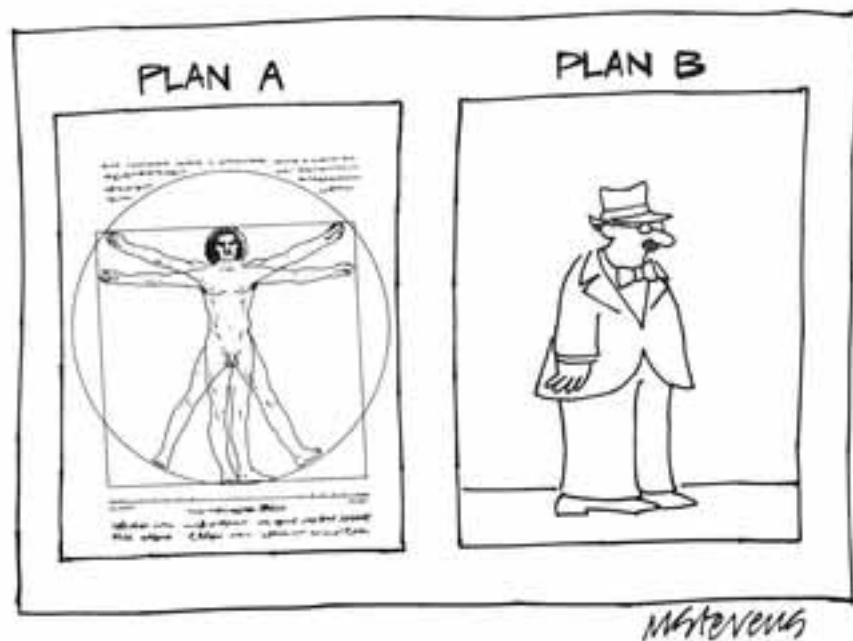
Bosky Dell



*"I see you have a nice tan, Parker. I suppose
that's one way to spend one's vacation, isn't it?"*



"As long as you're up, bring me a glass, my jug of muscatel, and the English wine table."







“Dave, we’ve done all right for ourselves, you and I. You’ve got this big office filled with expensive furnishings and fine art objects, a beautiful old house in Greenwich, a lovely wife and three swell kids, a Bentley, a Rolls, a Yacht, and I’ve got this nice lumberjack shirt.”

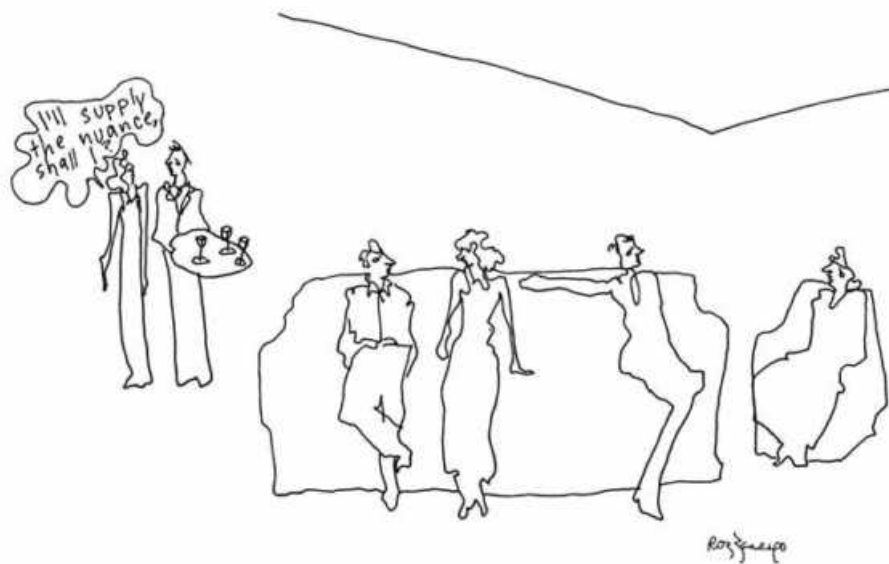






*“It’s good to know about trees. Just remember
nobody ever made any big money knowing about trees.”*







*"Perhaps you would like to tell the court what it is
about May the third that breaks you up."*



"I'm a good guy. What do you recommend for a good guy?"

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*"You are lean and hard, Brian, but
Raimundo here is even leaner and harder."*

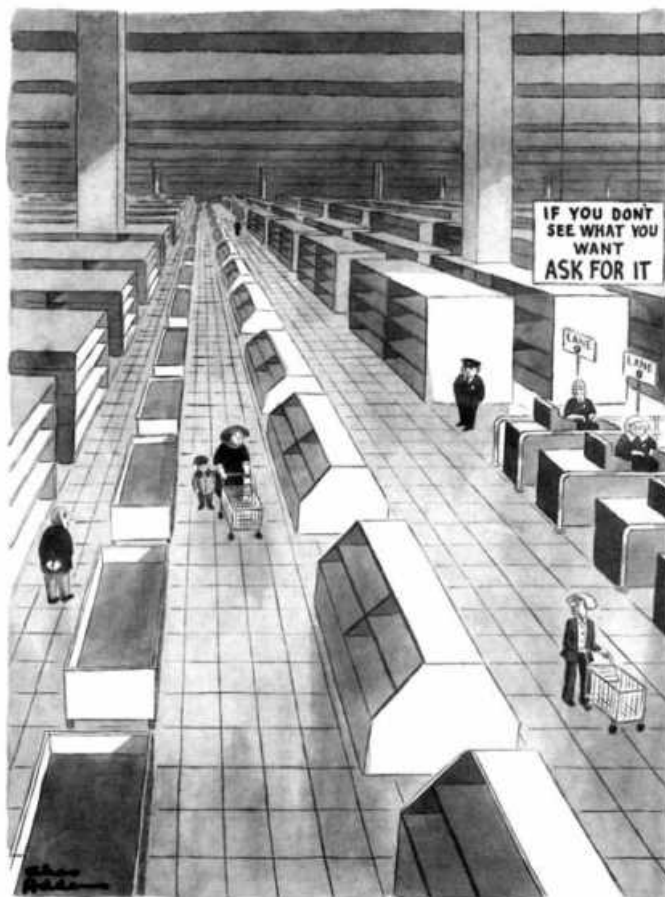


*"Margaret is a caring and welcoming person, but
it's a very low-keyed caring and welcoming."*





“Inevitably, I find, I fall in love with guys named Thor, and then, just as inevitably, I dump them.”





“The Yard of the Month for August has been chosen by the Mount Purvis Garden Club. The winner is Mrs. Ruth Easton-Smith. The club has also chosen your yard, Mr. Brindlehope, to receive honorable mention. Both yards will be announced in the ‘Mount Purvis Call.’”

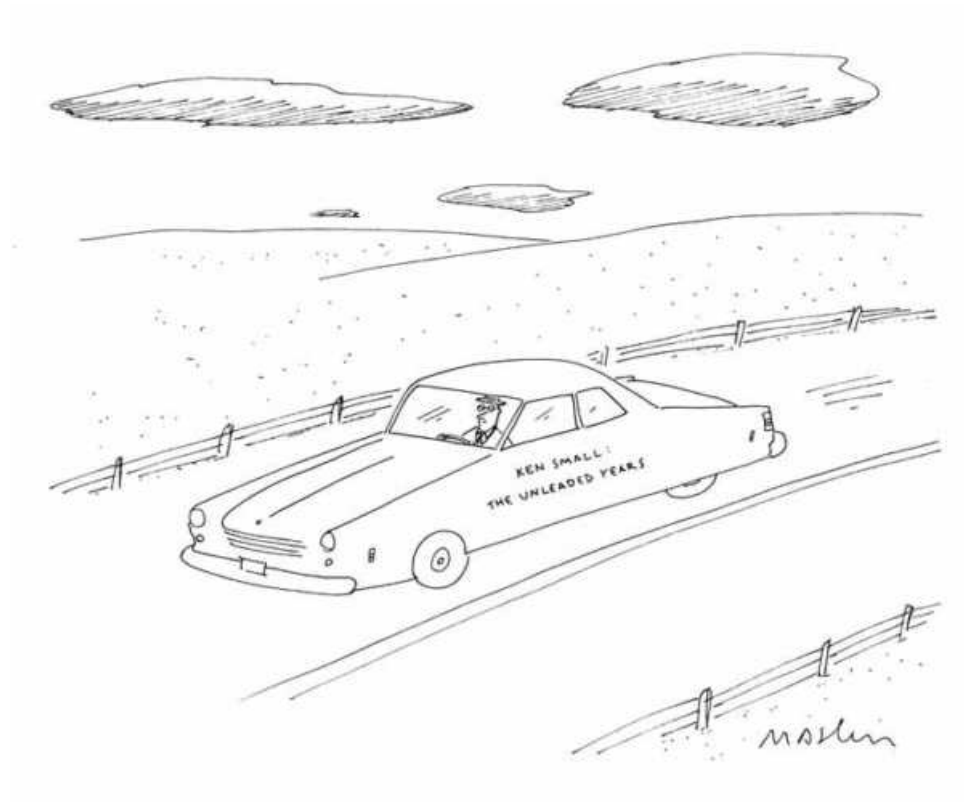


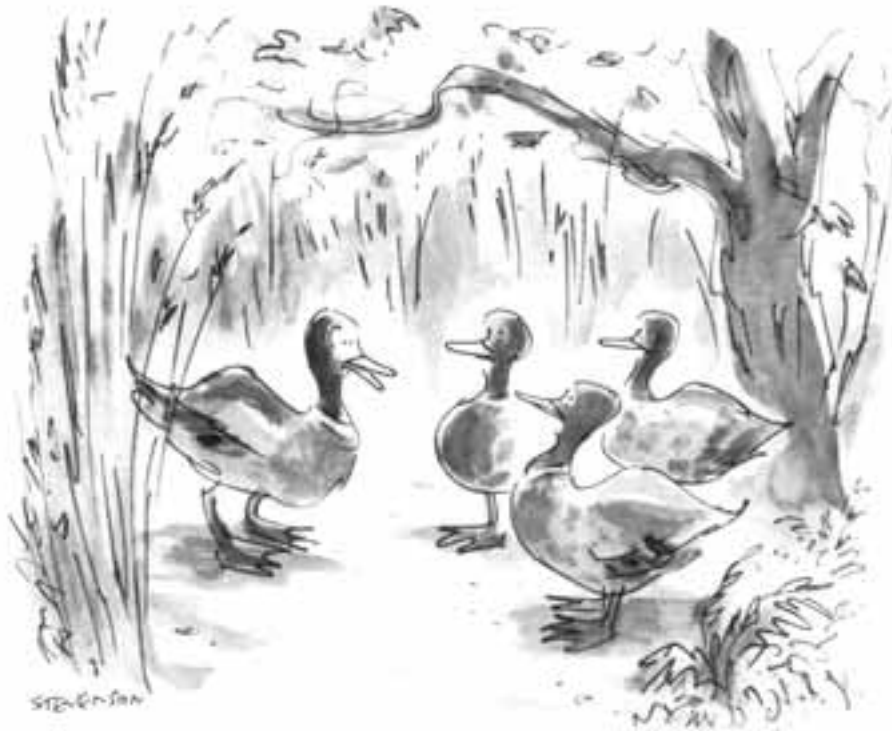


The Evening Sun Going Down



"The scrumptious Lola Rawlings and her ridiculous running shoes."



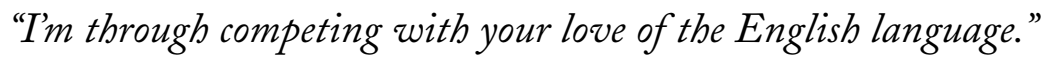


"You know how when it starts to turn cold we always get together and fly to that place where it's warm? Well, wherever the hell that is, I don't want to go there anymore. I want to go some other place."



“Estelle made the slipcovers. She’s the artistic one around here.”







“Thanks, Dick. I needed someone to take me down a peg.”





"One Martini on the rocks and one Martini in a bowl."





“Why don’t we face it, Gorman—this car isn’t big enough for both of us.”



“Would we be correct, then, in stating that you remain an optomist but not a cockeyed optimist?”



“If MacNeil and Lehrer can hang in there for an hour, you can, too.”

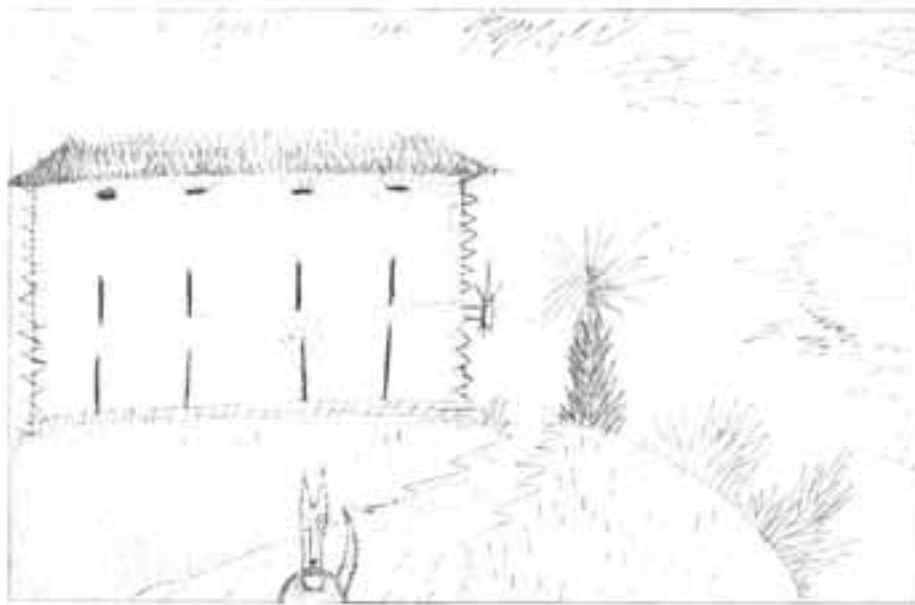
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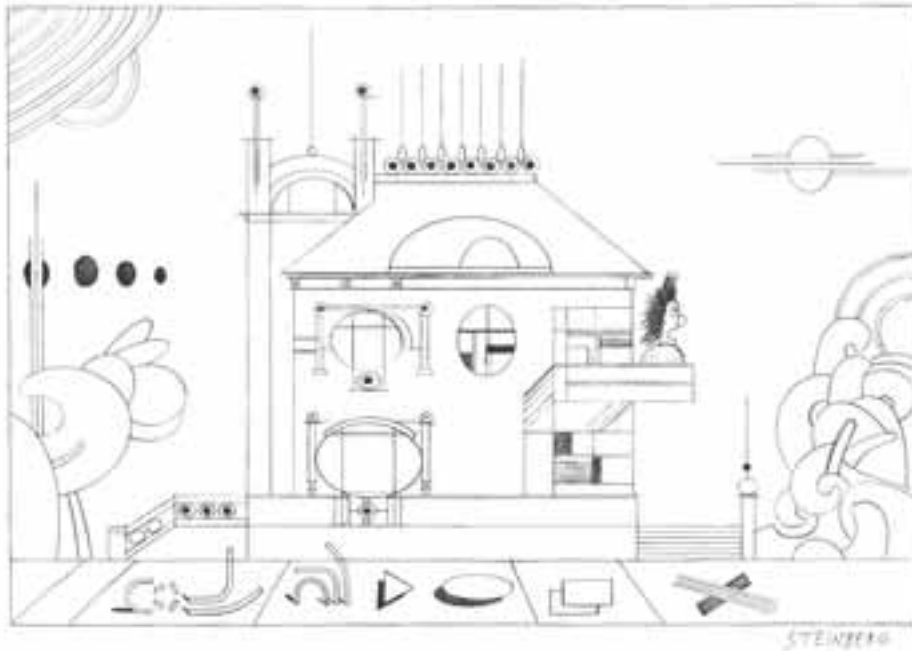
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VILLAS (2 OF 4)



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VILLAS (3 OF 4)



ARCHITECTURE
VILLAS (4 OF 4)





"That's my son, Douglas, Mrs. Eichenholty. He has been in perpetual rebellion since the early sixties. Just step over him, please."



"Who told you you could go back to the office?"



"It's been moved and seconded that some of us will keep our mustaches, some of us will shave them off; some of us will wear gray flannel, some of us will wear brown flannel; some of us will wear rep ties, others foulards; some of us will wear horn-rimmed glasses, some steel-rimmed; et cetera."



The Usual



"Check again. You must have the wrong floor."



"Let go of Mr. Howard, Alice."



“Of course you’ve grown. We’ve all grown, and Pittsburgh has grown, too.”



*"There's so much in what you say that I wonder
if I might have thirty minutes or so to digest it."*





"I just wanted to have the borrowing experience."



"It's not just a plain ringing in the ears, Doctor. There's some kind of melody, and then a voice comes on and says, 'One Man's Family,' brought to you by Tender Leaf Tea.'"



“Are you giving me a signal?”



THE STORY THUS FAR

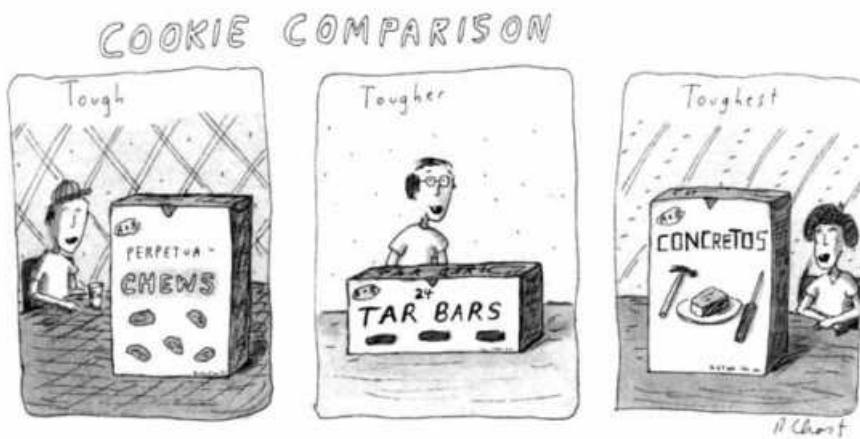




"I know it's prime time, but somehow it just doesn't feel like prime time."



*"Alfred, I'm getting damned fed up with
your twenty-four-hour investment hot line."*







"As a matter of fact, Doris, if I had it to again, I wouldn't marry you. I'd float down the Colorado on a raft instead."



“Good evening. I’m Walt Fendow, who, after much infighting, kicking and scratching, politicking, backbiting, and throat-cutting, has finally emerged as your anchor.”



*"I've nothing against physical fitness,
Rosemary, but you're turning into a jock."*



"The words, 'your chattels and movables' may sound funny to you, Mr. Dangel, but I assure you they refer to some pretty serious things."





“The economy seems back on track, but I’m not sure about Collingwood.”



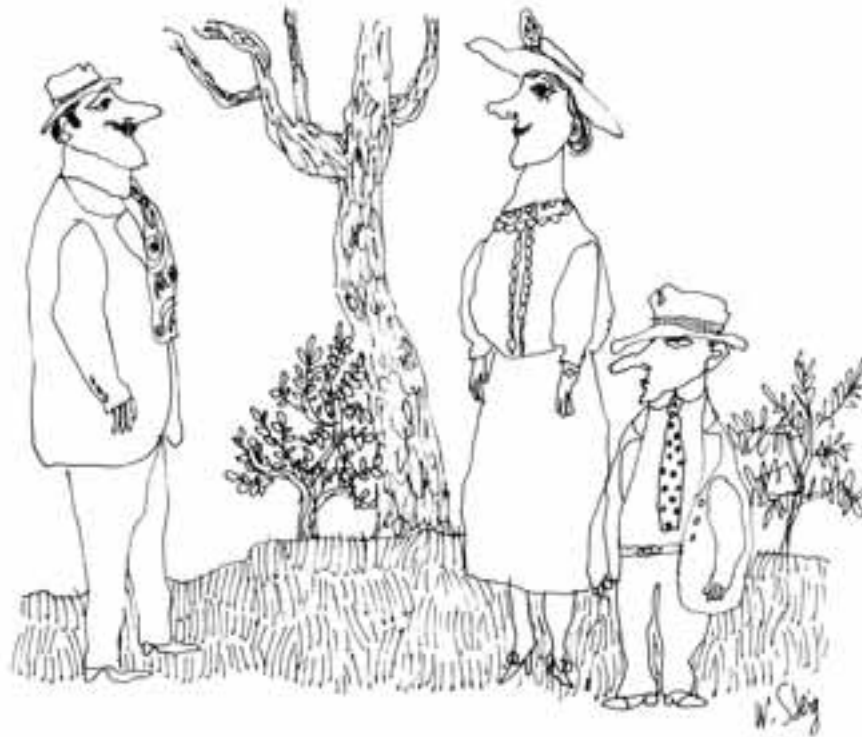
“Lucky for you you can’t hear my interior monologue.”



“Got him up at the stadium, Chief. It was Yankee Duck Day.”



“Don’t pounce.”



Chance Encounter



“During the next commercial, I’m going to belt you one!”



"We were right about here, two days' sail out of Kota Kinabalu, when Arthur developed an uncontrollable aversion to the Willard Kimballs."





*"Hi. My name is Don. I'll be introducing you to Mark,
who will be taking your drink order, and after that
to Gloria, who will be your waitress."*



“Excuse me, Senator, but each of your last three press releases has begun with ‘It strains credulity.’”

A KING ALONE WITH HIS THOUGHTS





"Would you be interested in a battle of wits?"



"Here's the story, gentlemen. Sometime last night, an eleven-year old kid in Akron, Ohio, got into our computer and transferred all our assets to a bank in Zurich."

VISITOR TO A STRANGE CITY





“Mrs. Liscombe? We are from the S.E.C. As you undoubtedly know, the stock market dropped 21.5 points last Thursday because of a rumor that interest rates are going up. We have traced that rumor to you, Mrs. Liscombe, and we are here to request that you keep your perceptions to yourself.”

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“We’re going to look like damn fools if this is just a shower.”



*“Those of you having the businessman’s
lunch please signify by saying ‘Aye.’”*





"Look, maybe you're right, but for the sake of argument let's assume you're wrong and drop it."







"Nonsense!"



“For an artist of Mr. Bedeny’s stature, your offer is wholly unacceptable. However, given a more realistic consideration of subsidiary rights, movie options, and possible tax shelters, we might still be able to assemble a satisfactory package.”



“Oh, God, it’s the Vellenbergs. Pretend you don’t see them.”



"It's for you."



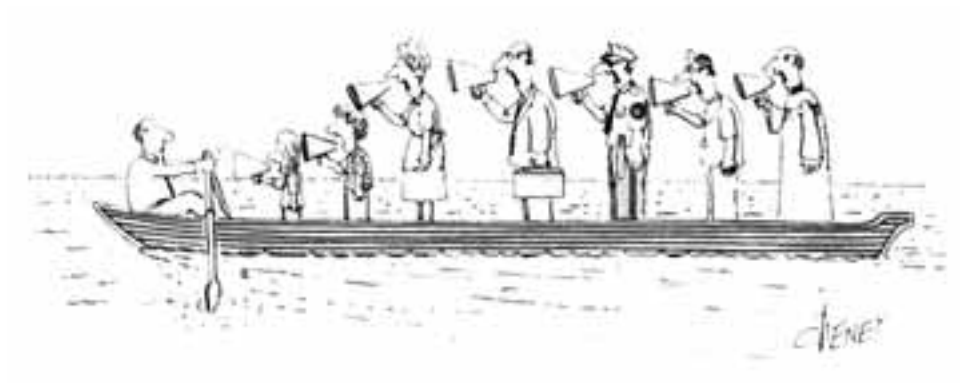
ODD FRUITS AND VEGETABLES #27
~ THE TWIRLING MacPHERSON ~

A member of the apple family, the TWIRLING MacPHERSON does not actually "TWIRL." Every other year it twists violently, the movement taking place in the fall, causing the ripened fruit to be flung some distance from the tree itself.



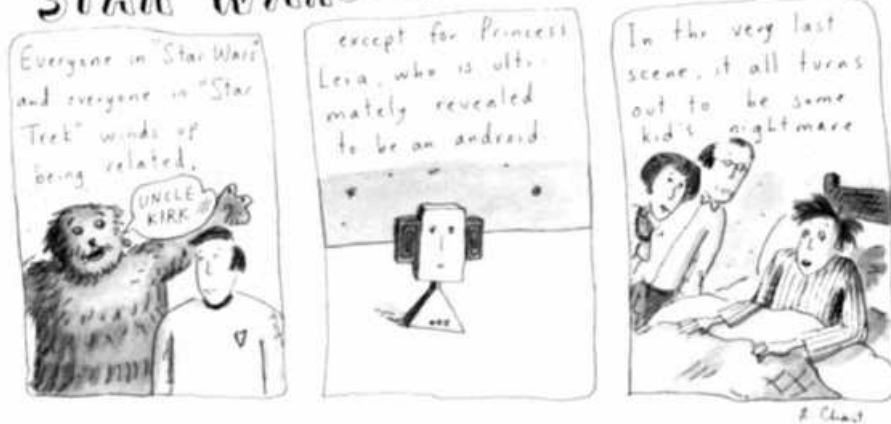


*“The more things change, the more they
remain the same. Thank goodness.”*



1983

"STAR WARS": THE FINAL INSTALLMENT



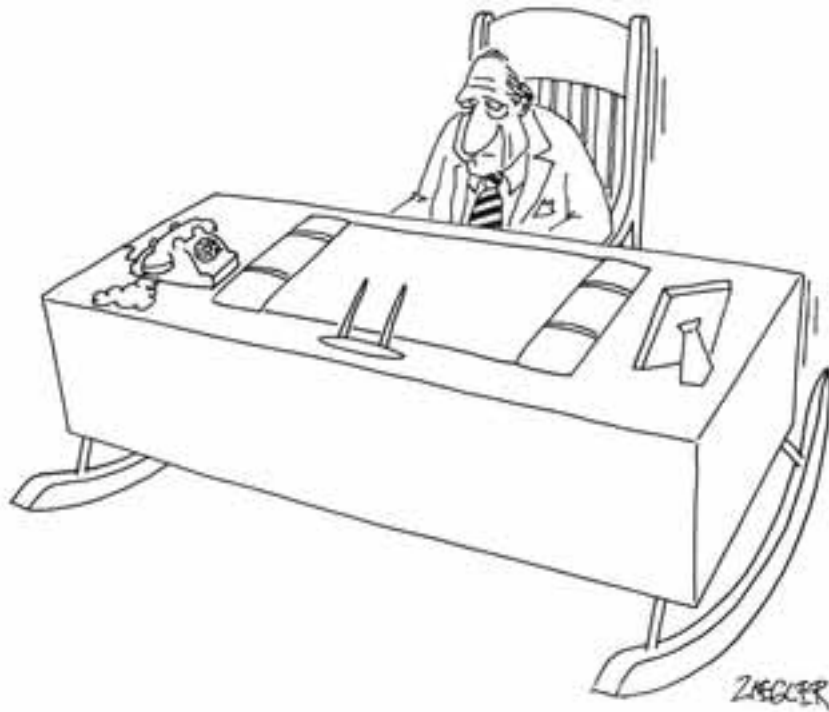


*"I'm leaving, sir, to become a disgruntled
former Administration official."*





*"We had a wonderful time. It was just like
being in the middle of something by Neil Simon."*

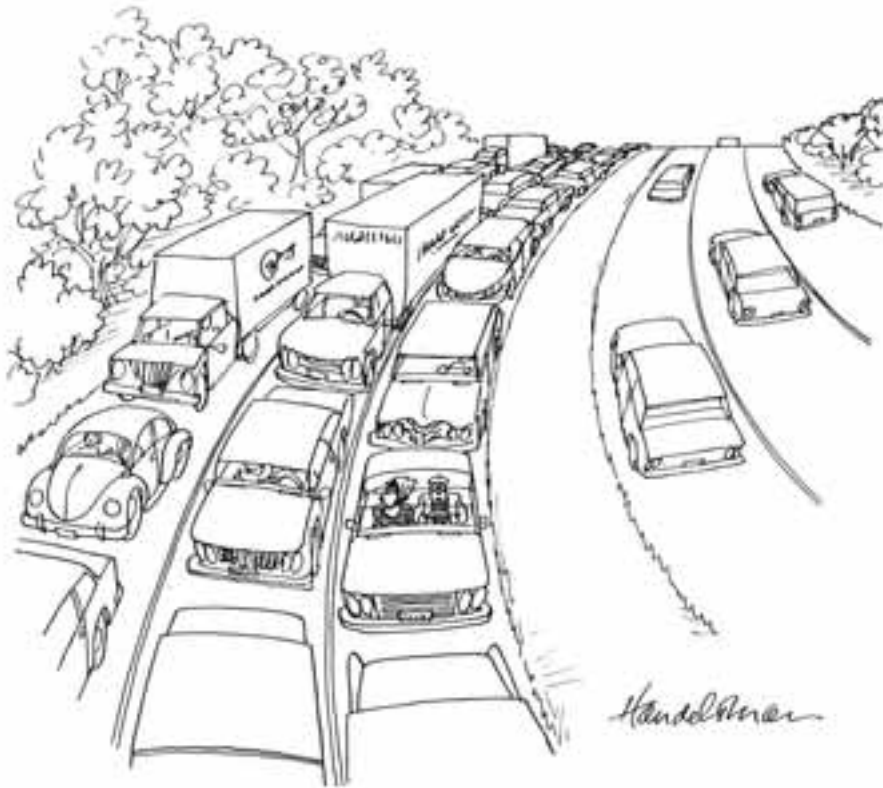




“Yes, dear, I’ve come back to you. But not to any chores in the yard!”



"Which way did they go?"



"I don't care if they are moving better over there. This is the fast lane. This is where I live."

1983



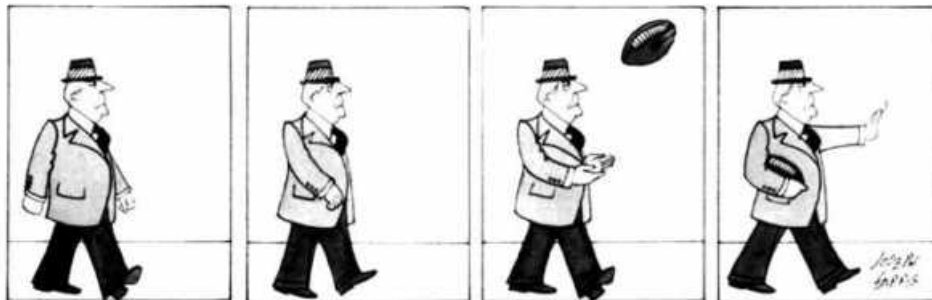
*"He's reading Swinburne. He always reads
Swinburne when the Dow is off."*



*"I predict that Scythia, Arabia, Babylonia,
Phrygia will always be trouble spots."*



“While you were out, Derek Thompson called about the Fowler deal, Roger Podner called to confirm Thursday’s lunch, and your son called to say he forgives you.”





"It's raining, Howard. Willard Scott will tell you no different."



*"If you do get one, be sure you don't leave
your floppy discs all over the place."*



“One last question, Berlinger. Is it just you, or is the whole damn Accounting Department shot full of steroids?”



“Osgood is as much in love now as when we were first married, but I discovered that, unfortunately, it’s with investment banking.”







"Yes, we are still holding."



"May I tell him who's furious?"



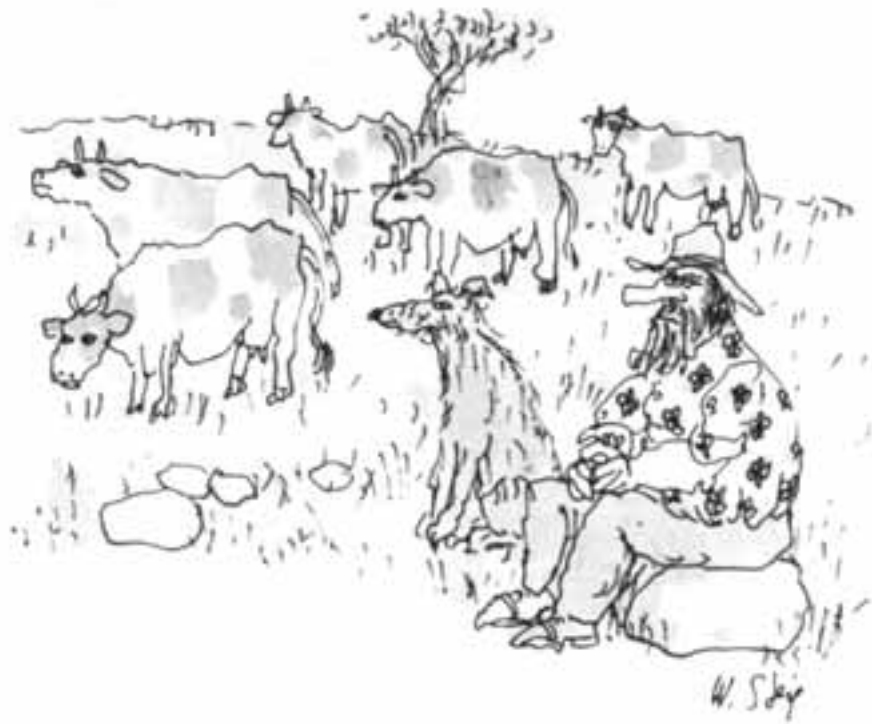
"Here comes the enigma."



Everett Opie (10/24/1983)

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Ruminating



“Are we keeping in touch with our money?”



“I know it’s hard to believe, but this is a great Beaujolais town.”

1983

PERFECT MASTERS FIGHT IT OUT

Who has the most Rolls Royces? The richest disciples?
The longest beard? The nicest swimming pool? The best
lampoon? The biggest landholdings? The spiciest outfit?



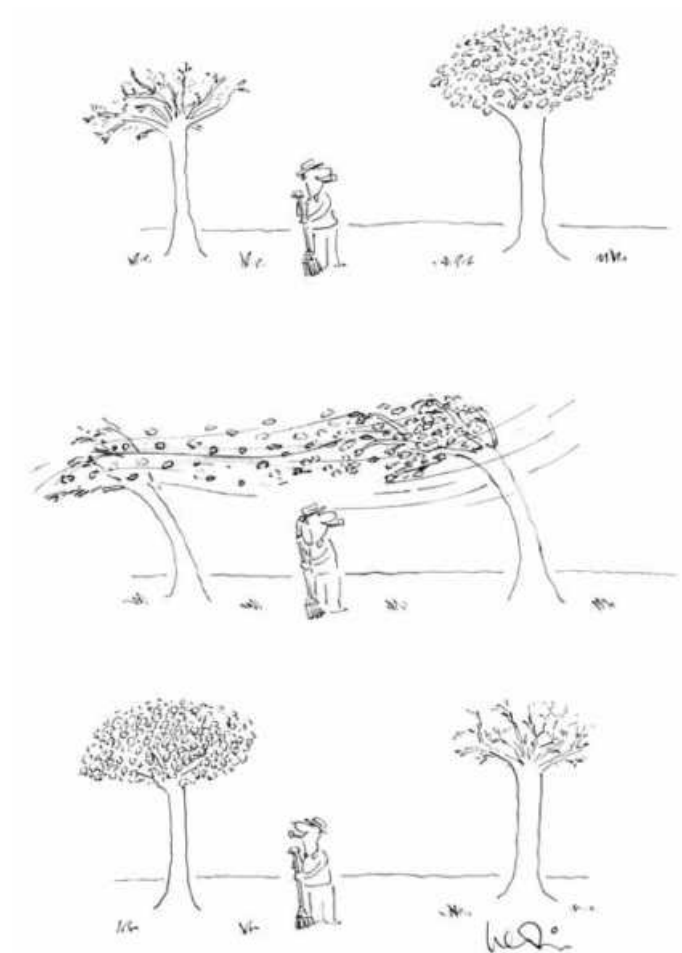


*“Ordinarily, I don’t attend cocktail parties,
but these are not ordinary times.”*



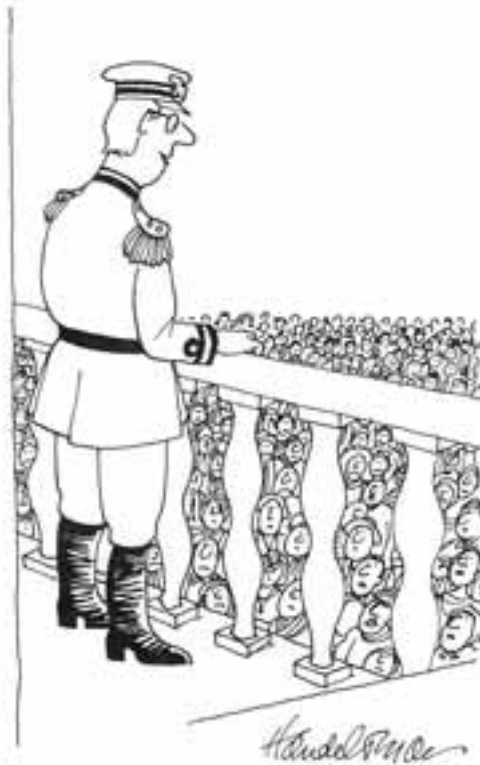


"Is it too early to awaken Christmas in you?"





"I will, however, say this for Freud—he got a lot of people thinking."



*"Hello, everybody. Knowing how much
this country has suffered under a succession
of strong men, I, a weak man, have seized power."*



"I'm back. You can rule out the possibility of foul play."

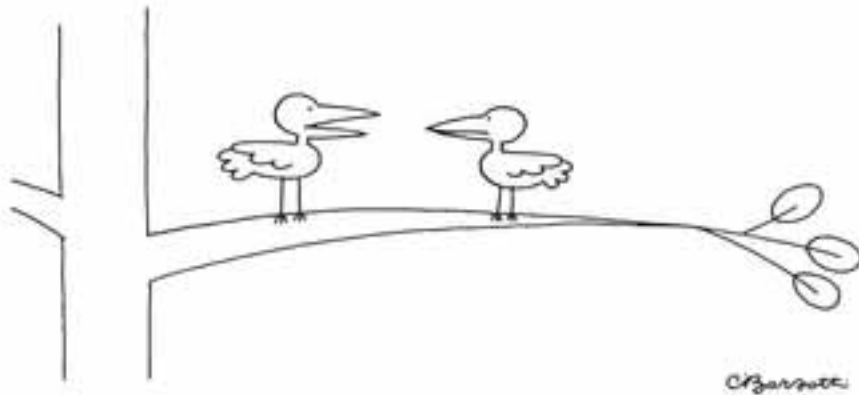


“Ed, as you know, is the product of a fine heritage, traditional values, a topnotch education, devoted parents, a cultured environment, and an I.B.M. training program.”





"I had to go all over town to find some baby artichokes!"



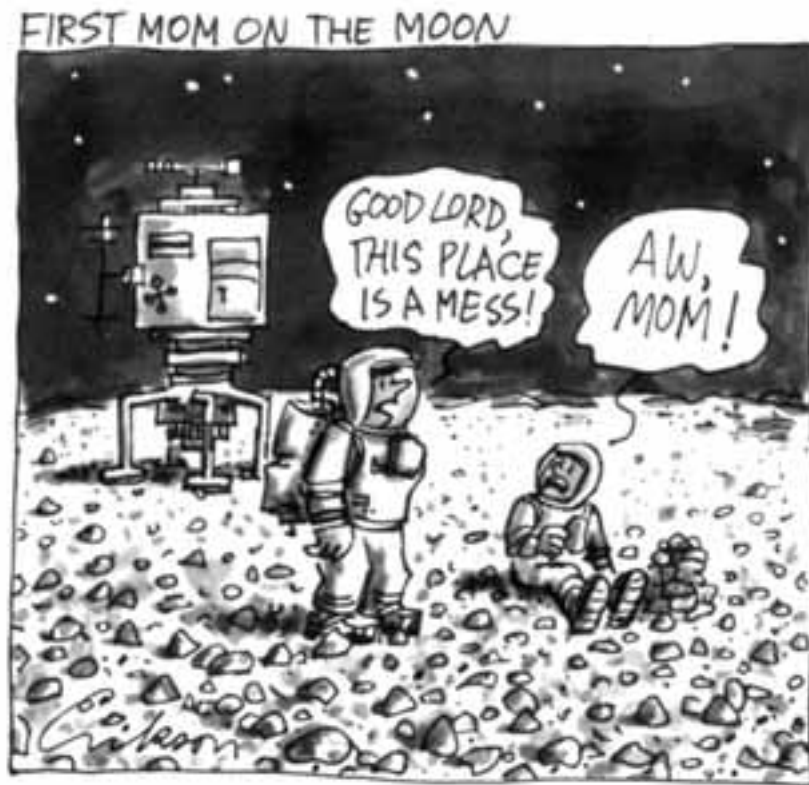
“Go south if you wish. I feel it’s important for me to demonstrate my continuing faith in the viability and strength of the Northeast.”



"I think it's about time they shot J.R. again."

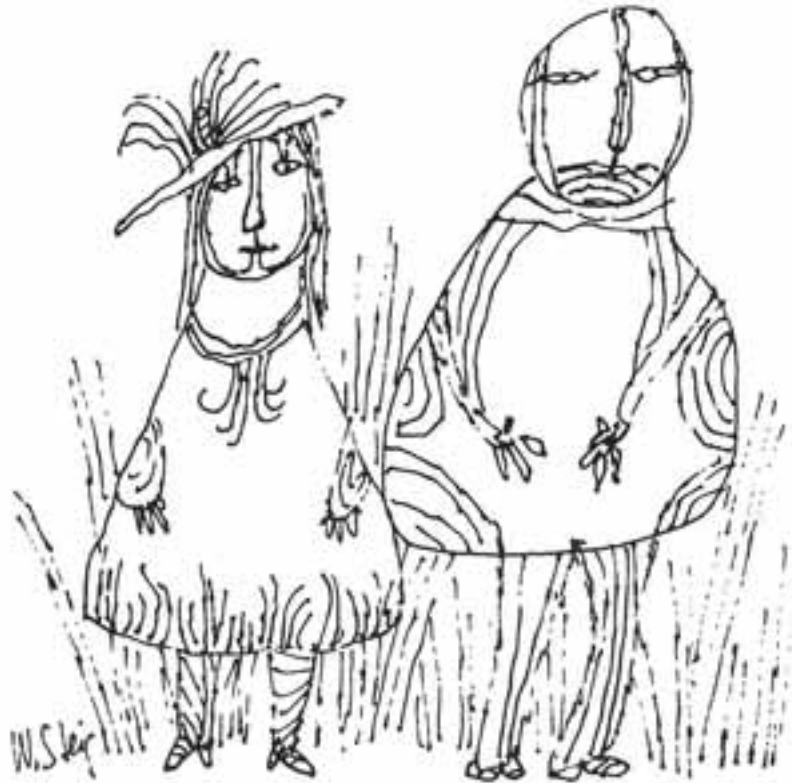


"If you are fifty-five or older, you are liable at any moment to come completely unglued. Please call us, at the Glue Mutual Insurance Company. That's Glue. G-L-U-E. The Glue Mutual Insurance Company, at 800-176-5388. Now!"





"If it makes you feel any better, Madam, in our opinion you have purchased one of the first fake Jimmy Carters."



Comin' Thro' the Rye



"We couldn't get into the Manet show, but it's probably just as well."





“Mr. and Mrs. Darrell T. Hornbey and their money managers.”

TOPIC PROCESSOR





ALBERT TENNER



ALBERT TENNER
(ELECTRONICALLY ENHANCED)



Charles Barsotti

"Hey, great new glasses, Chief."



*"It's nice here. In a way, it's kind of like New York.
Only it's not New York. It's Houston."*





*"I'll have the stuffed pepper, and himself
will have the quarter-pounder."*

WRITER'S BLOCK



Temporary



Permanent



“Frankly, Harold, you’re beginning to bore everyone with your statistics.”





"The doctor said from here on in you're to stay away from commodities altogether."

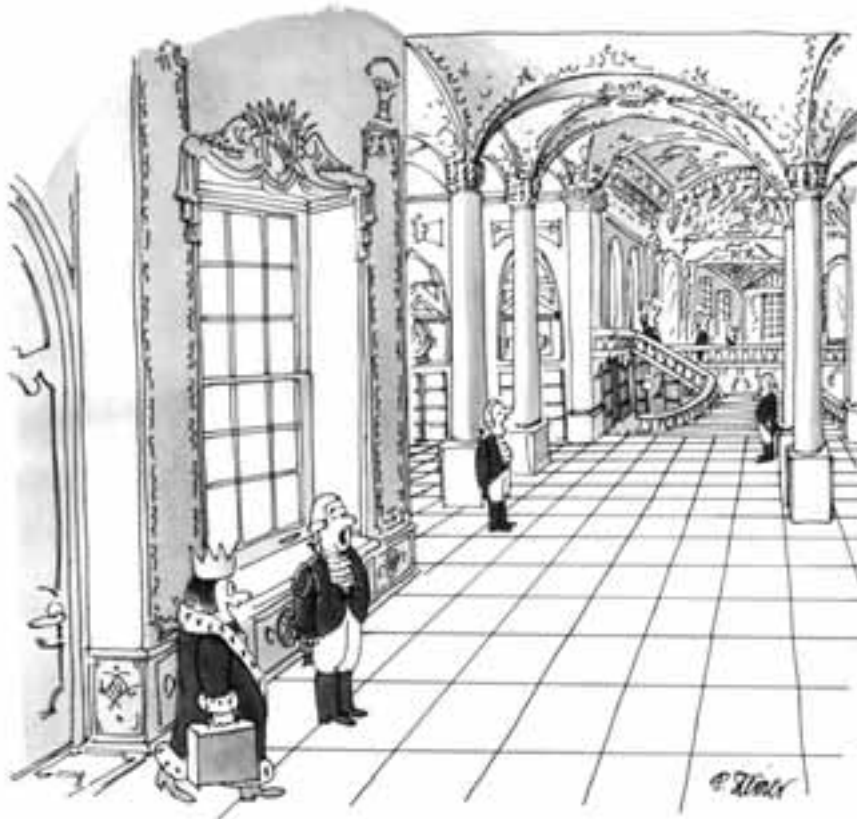


“Don’t you see, Herb? The seventies are over, we are over, even that dumb mustache of yours is over.”

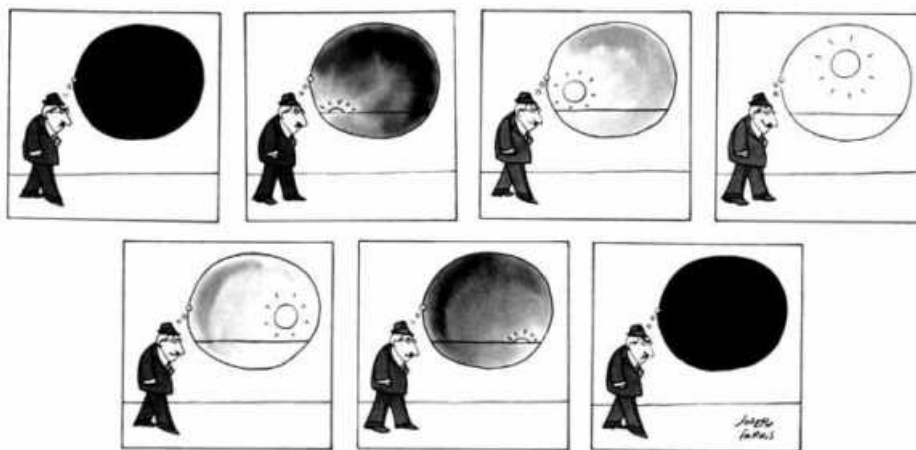








"Honey, I'm home!" . . . "Honey, I'm home!" . . . "Honey, I'm home!" . . . "Honey, I'm home!"





“What are you clinging to these days?”



"When the news is good, he smiles."



*"Bunny Rabbit stories, like everything else,
Mr. Hinekker, have to move with the times!"*





"I'm looking for an apartment—preferably in the Village."



"Try the apples."



“Bam! Bam! Bam! Sorry, but I can’t find my gavel.”



*"Oh, I've made money in my time, but, frankly,
I'd have settled for a lot more."*



*"And so the evil king, defeated by the forces of good,
fled the castle and went off to a distant land, where he died
all alone, ignored by the media."*



*"Do you realize, Alice, that summer '83 is gone
and we never had watermelon?"*







"See where that blue car's parked, Ed? I parked there once."



"Fiction's nice, but it doesn't get you anywhere."



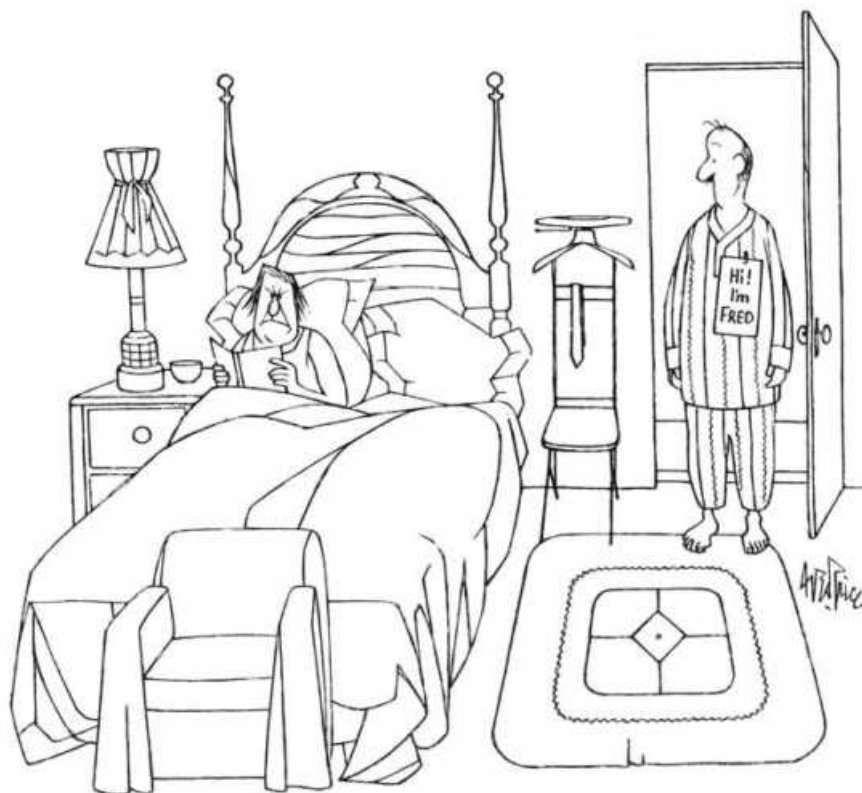
"It was just one of those years, Ma'am."



“Quite frankly, I don’t think losing your umbrella is anything to get all worked up about.”



"That's for the lucky few who did manage to take it with them."





Frau, Herr, und Hund



"The minute you walked in, I said to myself, 'There's a guy who's had it up to here with wimpmobiles.'"



"Two weeks in Bermuda is too long. We had to do some things twice."



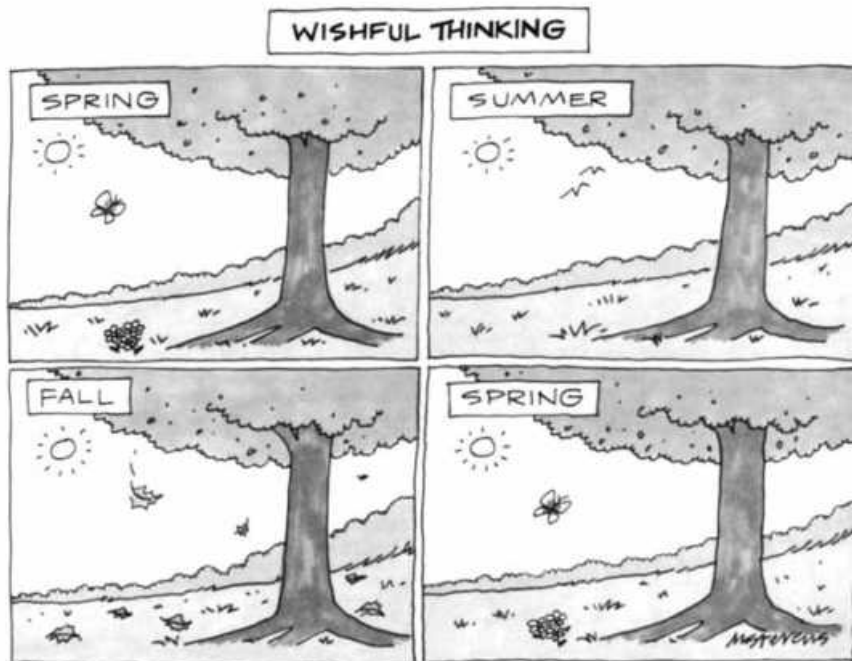
"I can feel it. The phones are cold today."



*"Before I adjourn this trial, I would like to commend
the jury for laughing in all the right places."*



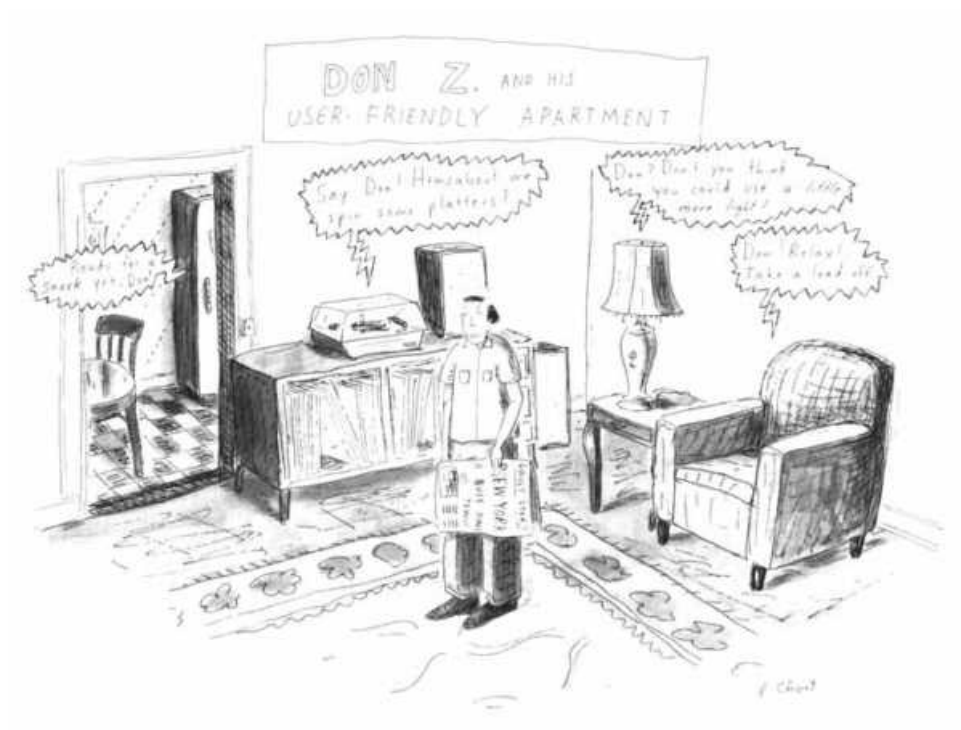
"I just want somebody clearly established as a front-runner, and, frankly, I don't give a damn who it is."





"That's not my special. That's Gristede's special."

1983





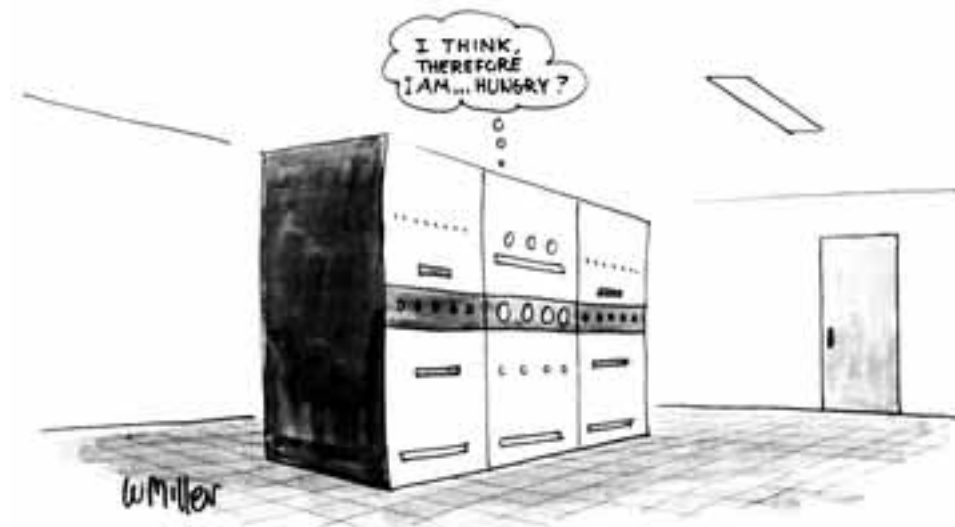
*“How do you like it? It’s a backdrop of L.A.,
like on the Johnny Carson show.”*

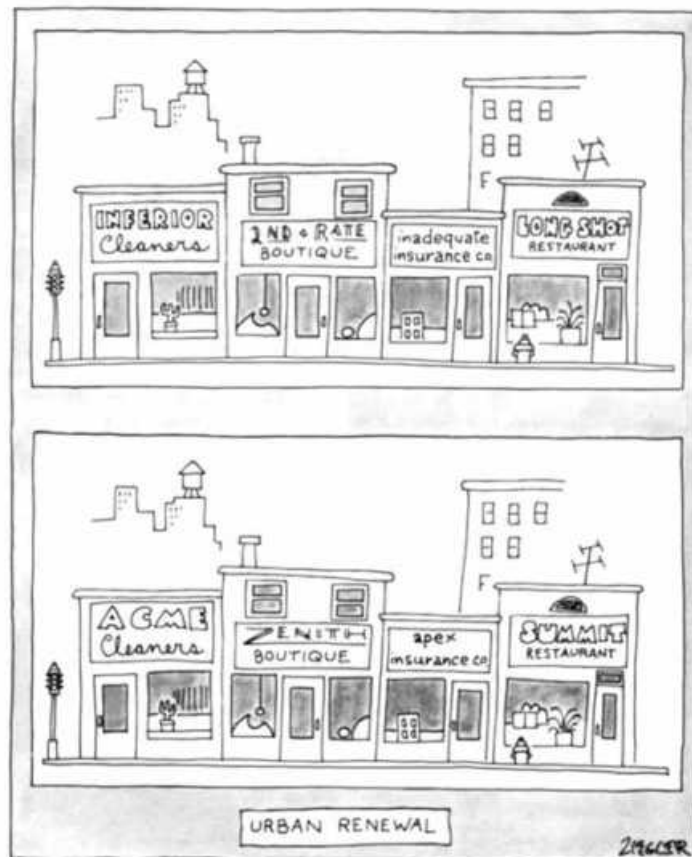


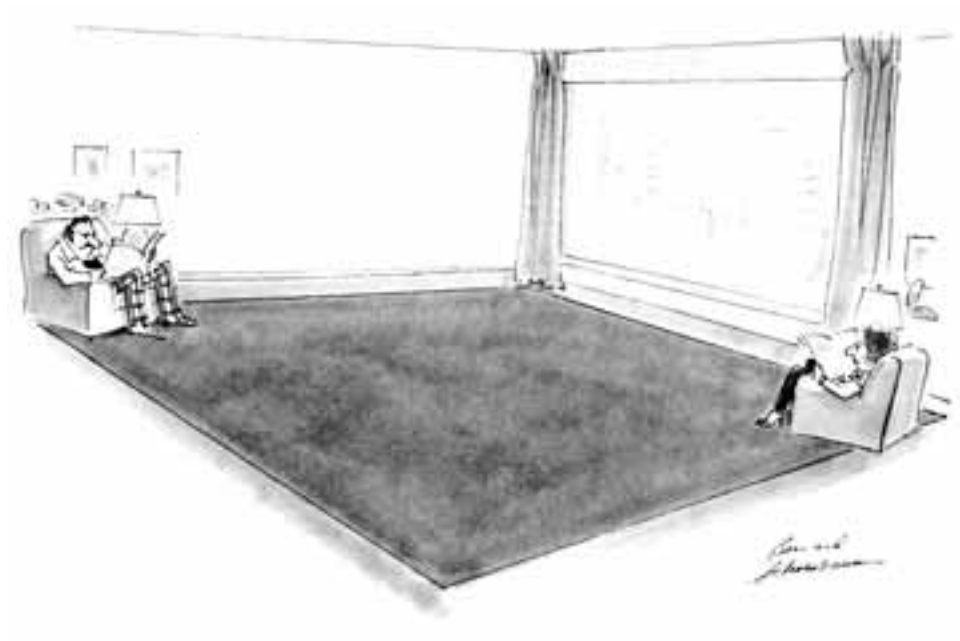
"Hah! This is the Old King Cole nobody ever sees."



*"I don't know how to thank you two.
This has been the most profoundly moving evening of my life."*









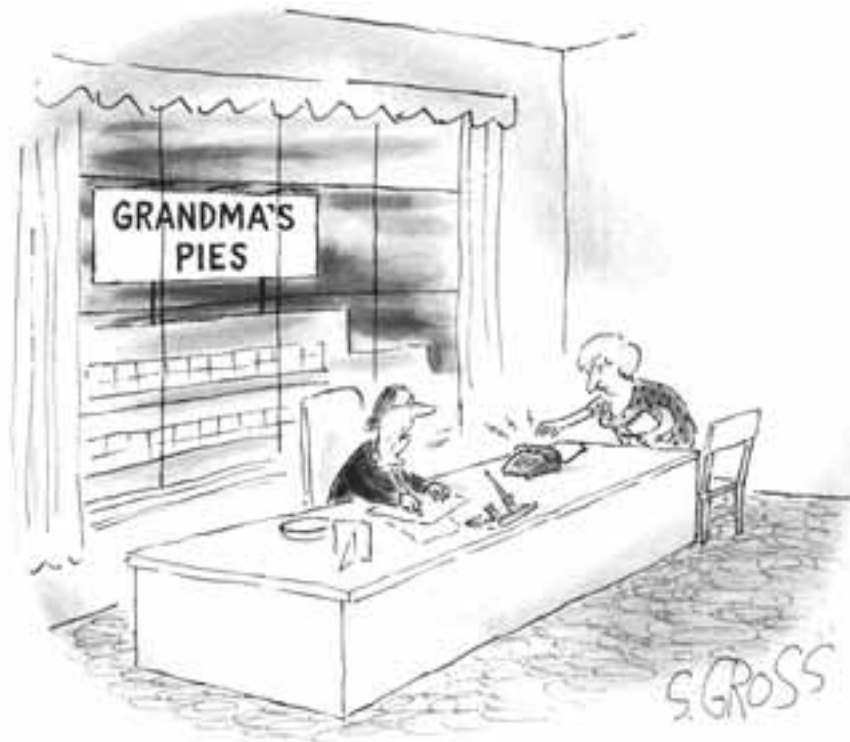
“A young man seated beside me at the lunch counter borrowed my pen to write down the telephone number of a young woman seated beside him. How was your day?”



*“Why can’t you get one of those stationary
bicycles, like everyone else?”*



*“Antonio, I’ve been carrying this damned stick
around for twelve years. Can you tell me what it’s for?”*



"If that's Grandpa, tell him I've already left."



“What have I read? I’ve read ‘Tubby the Tugboat’! What have you read?”



Troupe



*"Your mail, sir. I have taken the liberty of putting all
the envelopes that suggest you may already have won on top."*

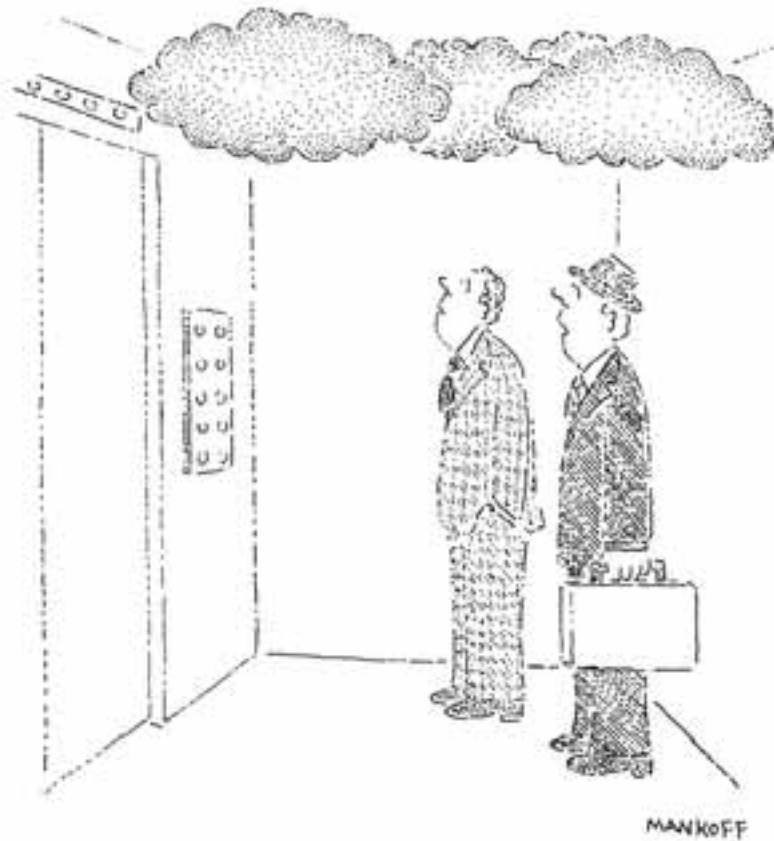


“Too?”





"I'm finally learning not to be so hard on myself."



"Looks like rain."



"I've decided all our surfaces need work."





“One of those nights that start with champagne at the Stanhope and end with beers on Canal Street.”



“As a husband, he’s something like the Soviet Union.”





*"I've supervised. I've managed. I've directed.
I've presided. I've chaired. What else is there?"*





"I'd just like to say, sir, that I always make a bad first impression."





"Oh, come, come, Mr. Bryant. It went down a few points, yes, but I wouldn't say it plummeted."



"It was good of them to ask us and good of us to accept. I figure we're even."



“Gentlemen, la commedia è finita!”





"There's that look again!"



"Nobody is perfect, sir."







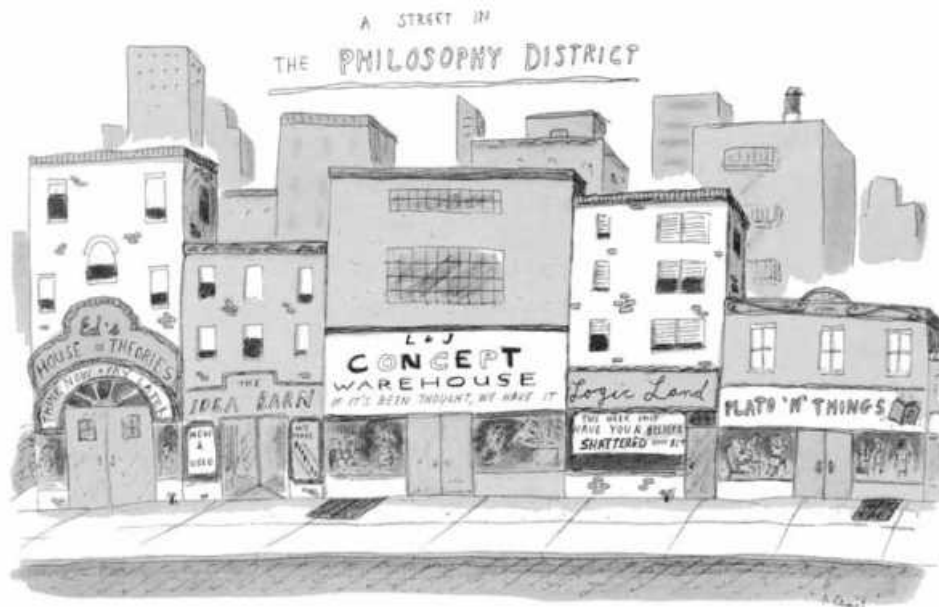
“Oh, God! Here comes Ed Cathcart with an opposing view!”



"The new TV script was going fine until he got into a flashback within a flashback and couldn't find his way out again."



*“Like a duck. Calm and placid on the surface,
but paddling like hell. That’s me!”*





"Ready or not, here I come!"



Dance Branch





*"Sorry, sir, you'll have to hang on some more, but I'm
going to advance you to priority-hold status."*



"I do all my own P.R."



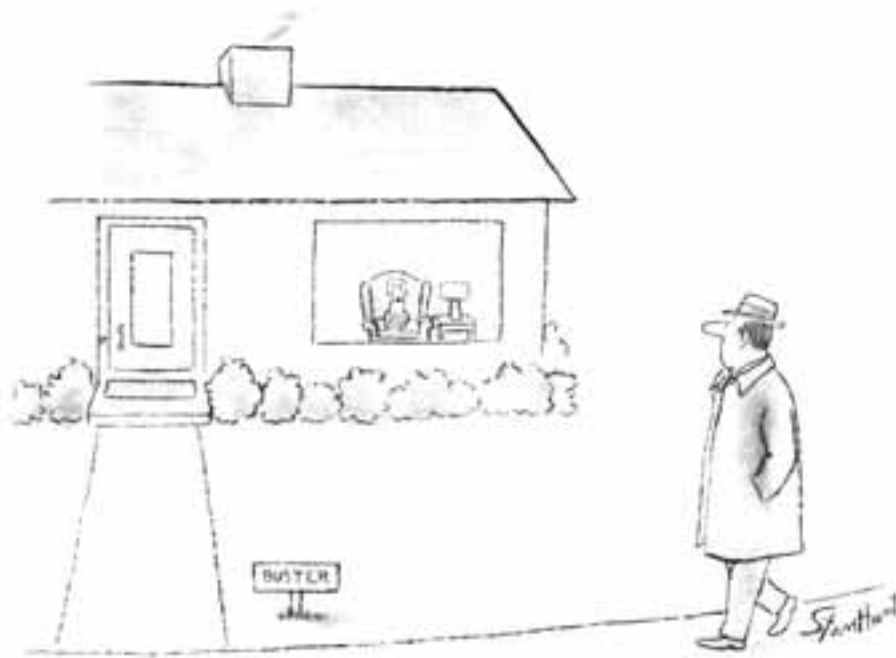


SCIENCE AND SOCIETY-1923

SCHRÖDINGER, PAULI, HEISENBERG, PLANCK,
BOHR, CURIE, EINSTEIN, KIKI AND BUD VANDERVELT

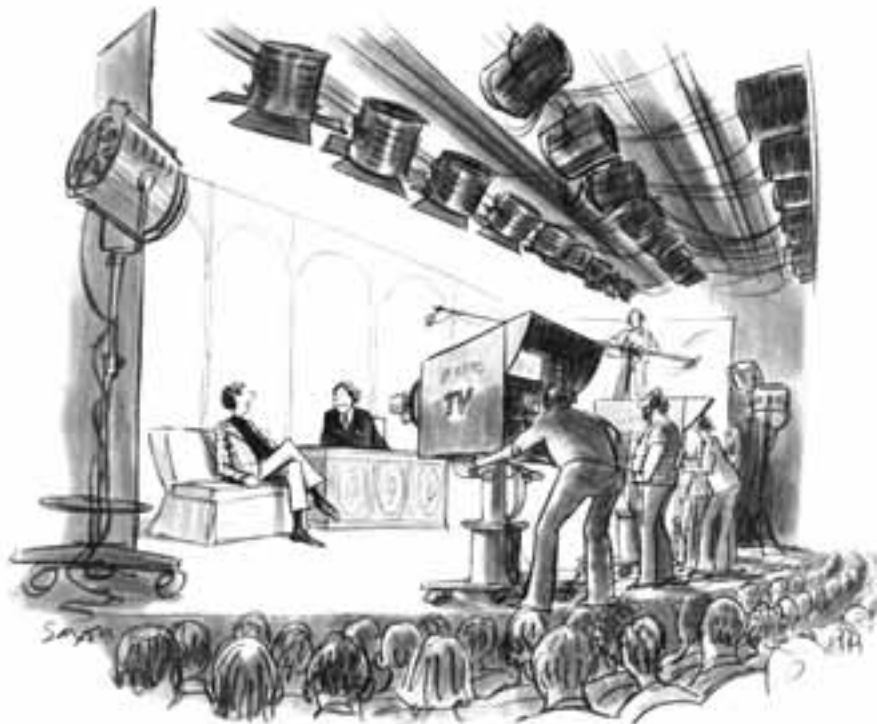


“Go find out what’s happening unbeknownst to me.”



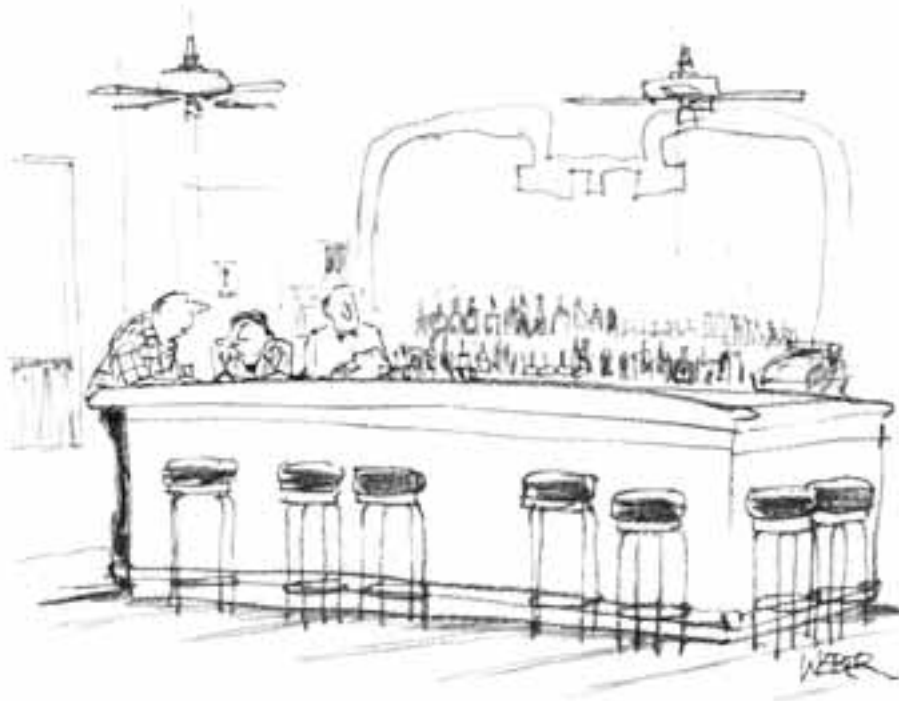


*"The jury has found you guilty, but, if it's
any consolation, you sure had me fooled."*



“Why, no, Ken—I don’t want to talk about it.”



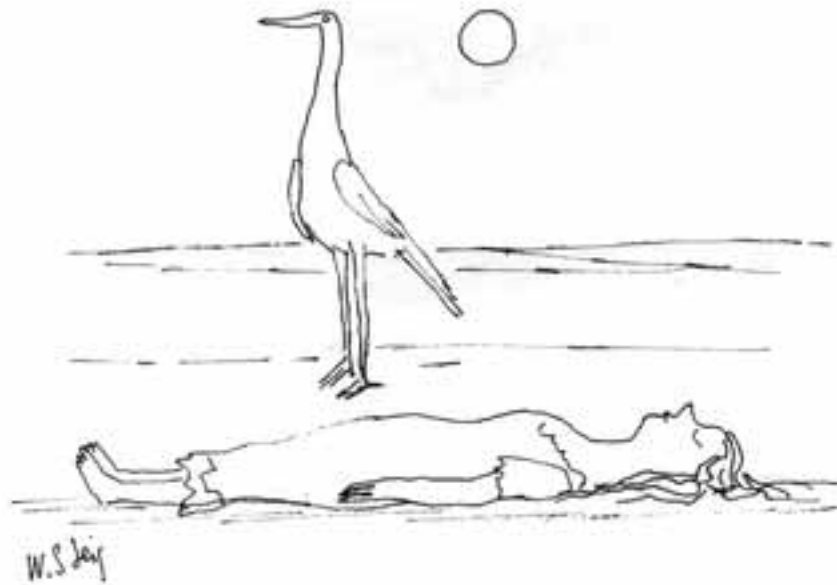


"I work hard, I play hard, and I hang out hard."



Lee Lorenz (12/5/1983)

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Dreamless Sleep



*"She wouldn't leave her name. Just said Room 14,
Hôtel Balzac, Rue de Seine, '34."*





“Software? Software? Nobody around here deals in software!”

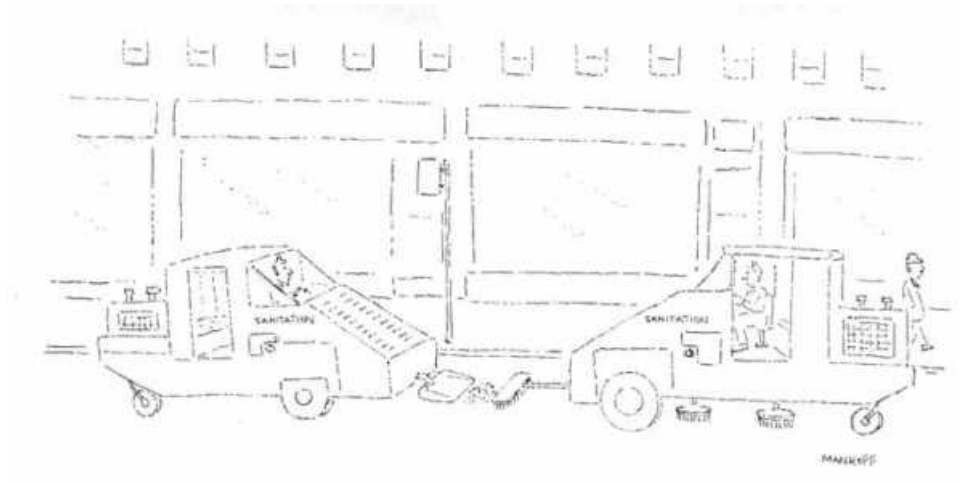




"Oh, please don't go yet. Or are you just arriving?"



*"Can I call you back, Syl? We're right in
the middle of a lovers' quarrel."*





"Whoosh."





“Oh, some bills, some junk mail, a gallery opening, a forum at the Columbia Business School, a board meeting of the Pinhook Corporation, an invitation to the Owens’ annual New Year’s Eve shindig, and you have been asked to participate in an invitational mile run.”



“Ladies and gentlemen and bunny rabbits of the jury . . .”



“‘To see a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wild flower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour.’ William Blake said that, and I concur.”



“That’s how Research and Development put the pressure on. First they hustle you to promise them results. Then they hustle you some more to promise them results in our lifetime!”

1983



“All I need is a chair. I delegate everything.”



"Alfred, I always did like you in that turtleneck."



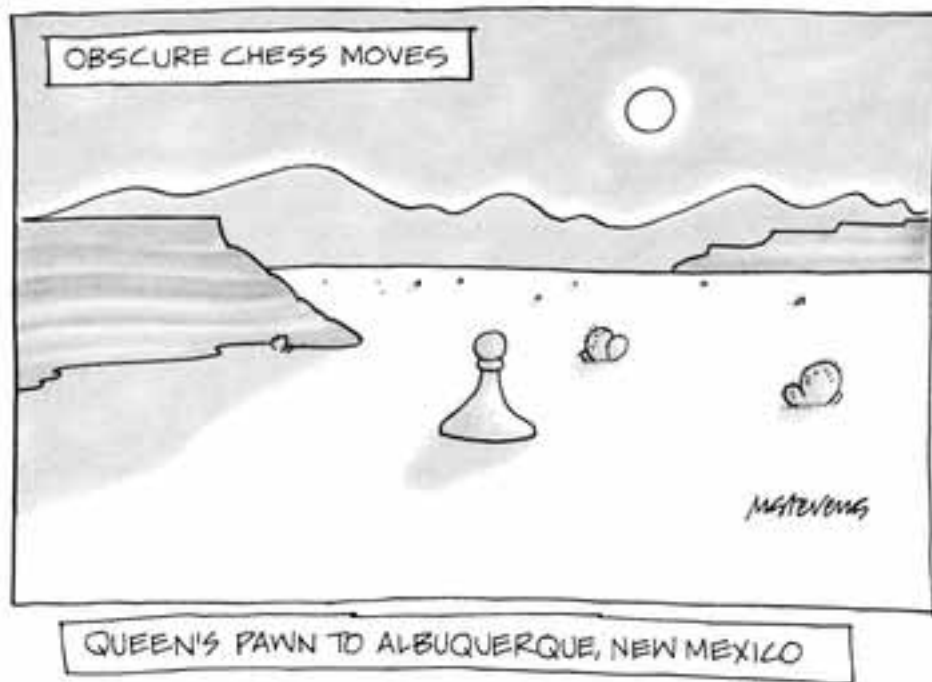
*“After all, spending money hand over fist is
the only luxury we allow ourselves.”*



*"Is the chef's salad better balanced nutritionally
than the salade aux trois légumes?"*



Lunch With a Stranger





"I've been combing the city for the perfect gift."







*“Well, Phil, after years of vague complaints and imaginary ailments,
we finally have something to work with.”*



*"If I had an understudy, you could damn
well bet you wouldn't catch me here."*



“And after Desmond Weems, Jr., and Desmond Weems III we come to our present chairman, Desmond Weems the Good.”



*"Did you feel that? The holiday season
just shifted into high gear."*





“Well, Armbruster, shall we dance?”



“Kenneth says it lacks verve. He says they all lack verve.”



The More the Merrier

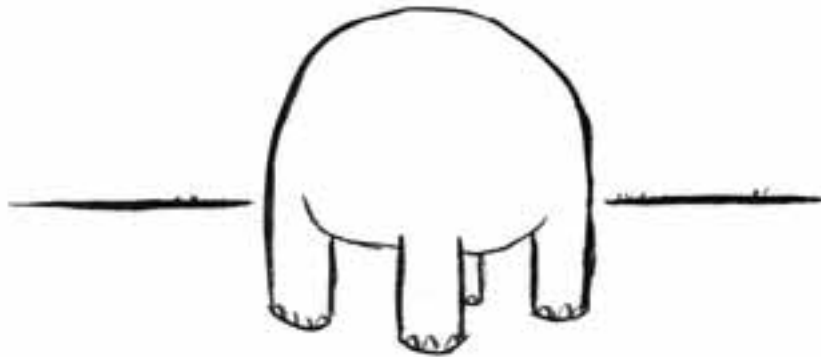
THE MOST AMAZING 60 YEARS IN HISTORY



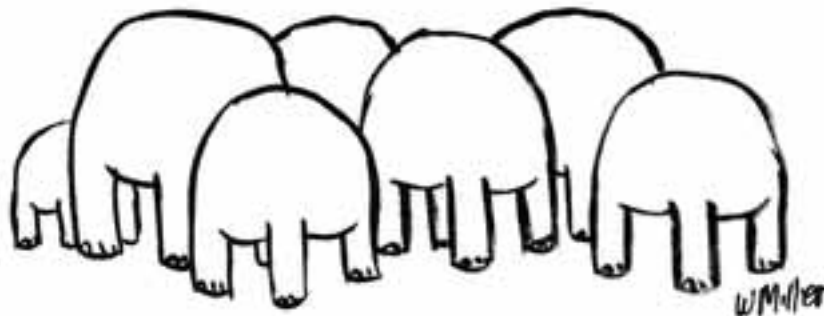
Charles Barsotti



"I hear you enjoy tinkering."



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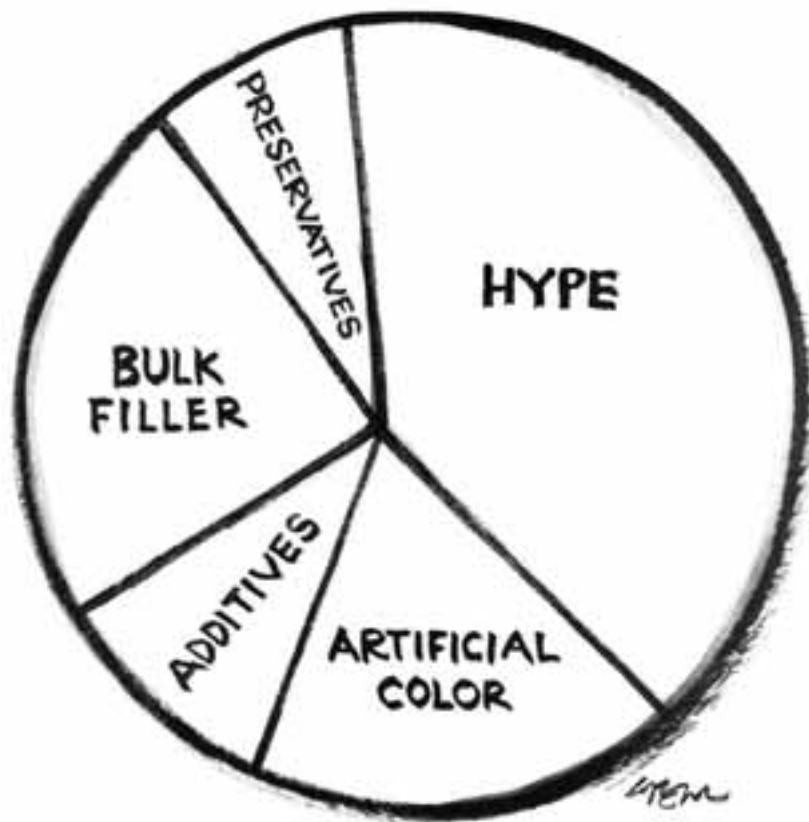


A HERD OF PHANTS



"Everyone is a child at Christmas except you."









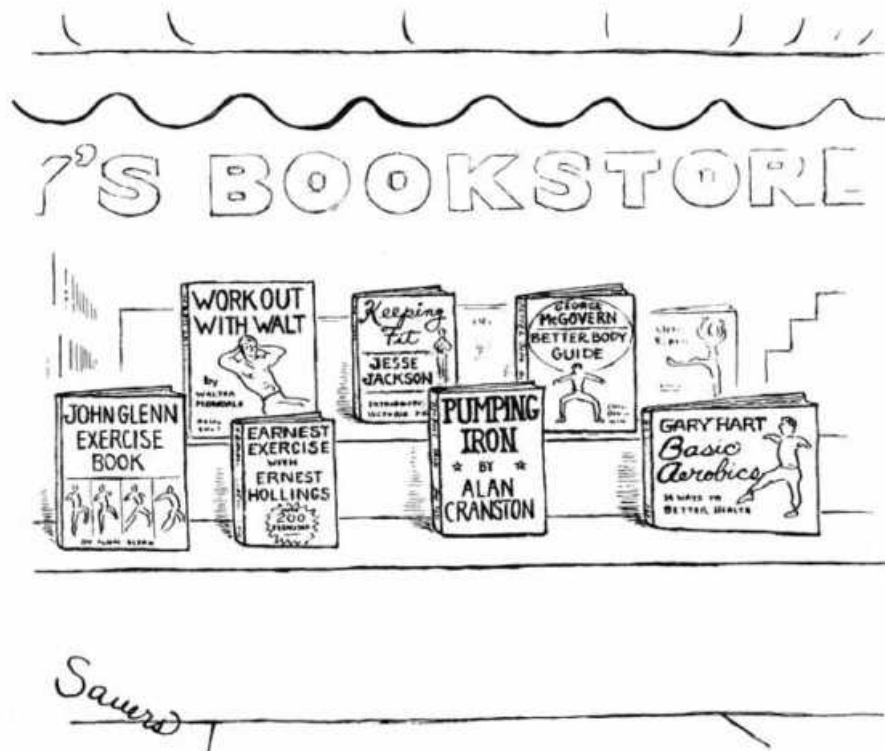
“Then again, gentlemen, we’re in complete agreement in the sense that nobody knows the answer to any of the questions that have been raised.”



*"I'll tell you one thing—a 'big win' hasn't
made you any easier to live with!"*

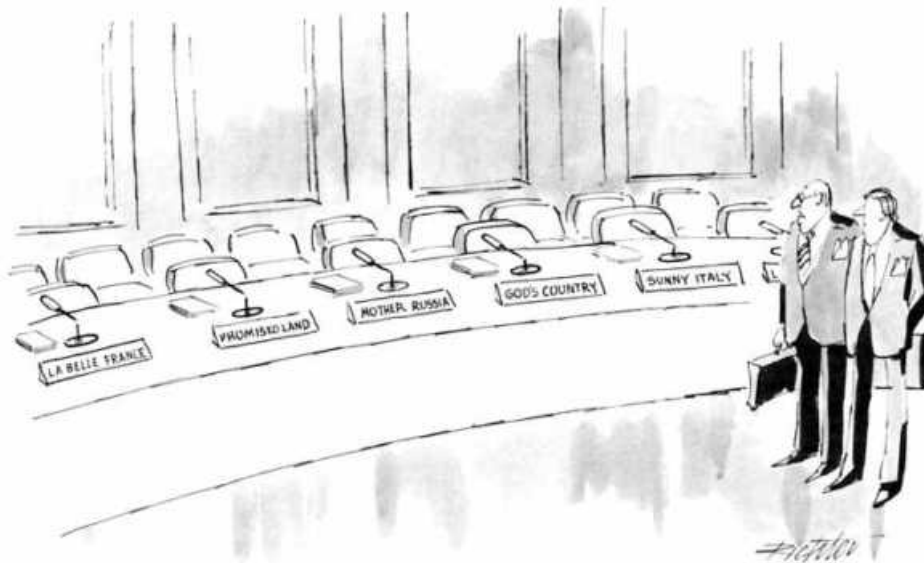


"That's an interesting little story, Al, in spite of the subject matter."





*"And Rodney is quite well, apart from
having been swallowed by I.T.T."*



"I have grave doubts about the success of this conference."



*“You know, I find it increasingly difficult
to believe that you were born in Dallas.”*



Surprise Party





*“And this is the final question:
What, in your opinion, is to become of us all?”*



“Why can’t you buy some hotels and make me your queen?”





“Unless I’m misinterpreting the signs, gentlemen, we are approaching the end of the golden age of shoddy merchandise.”





“And not the Santa Claus stamp, please.”

1983



You're welcome, but I'm afraid your cigar is not.



*“Don’t tell me too much about yourself.
I prefer my relationships al dente.”*



“Third grade? Third grade is awesome.”





“Stop him! He has the recipe!”



"Amuse! Entertain! Inform!"



“See, things look a lot less funny sitting there, don’t they?”



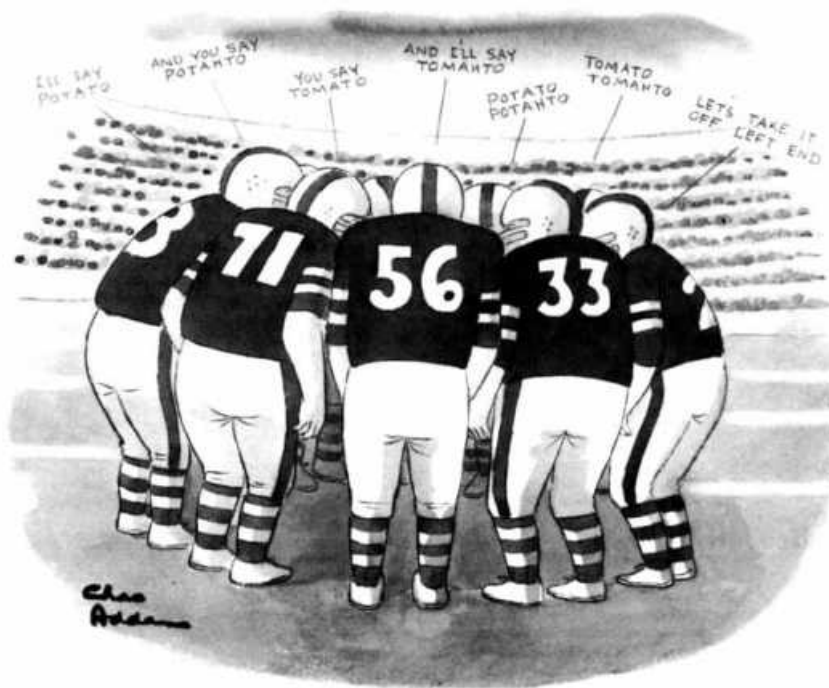
*"I'm temporarily short until A.T.& T.
gets all straightened out."*



"I'm looking for something that expresses the spirit of the season but doesn't neglect the need for a credible deterrent."



"I finally got too old for bluejeans."





"Give him the royal heave-ho."



*"I'm not really all that crazy about him,
but I've been hit by the bandwagon effect."*

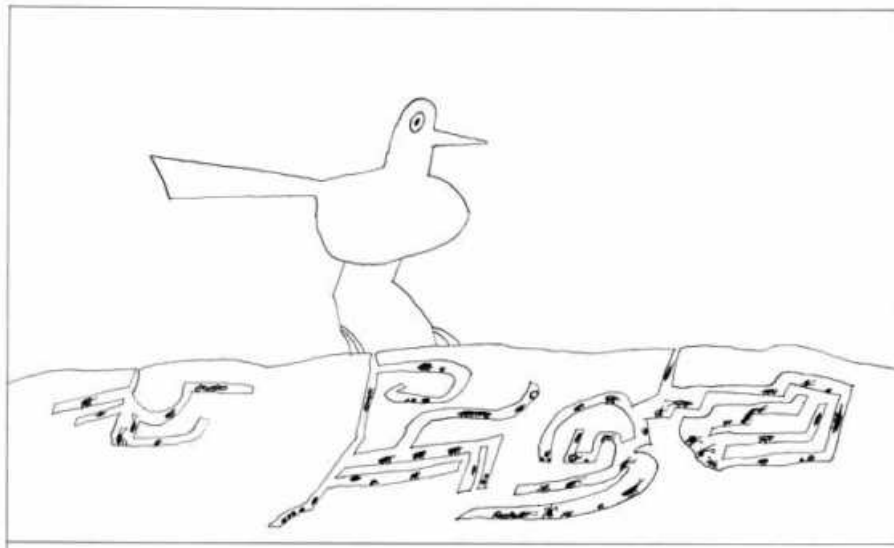


*The Man Who Likes The Beach but Only
When He Has It All to Himself*



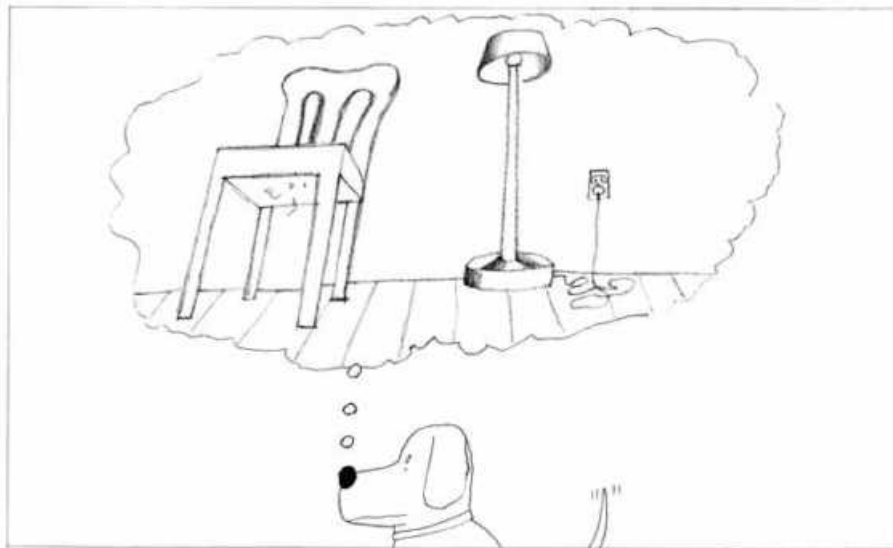
"This is not a party. This is a pilot for a party."

NATURAL HISTORY (1 OF 4)



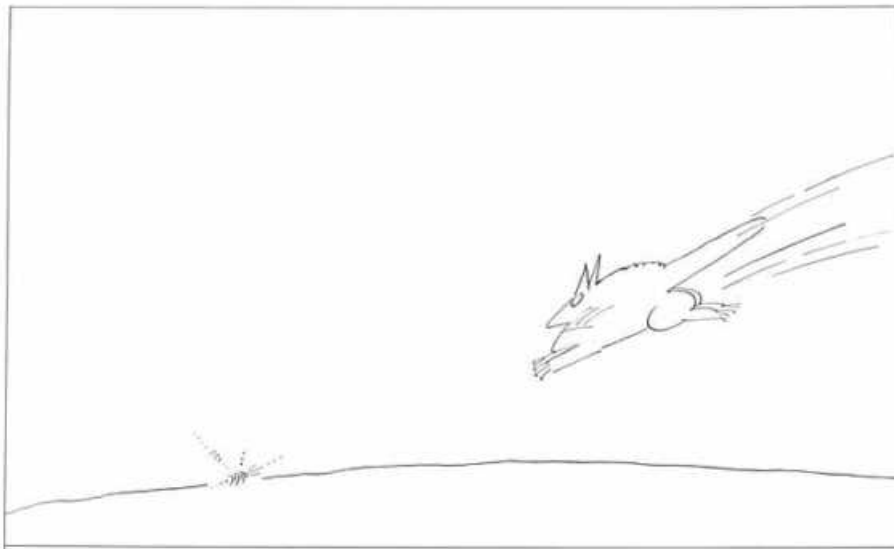
Bird Hears Breakfast

NATURAL HISTORY (2 OF 4)



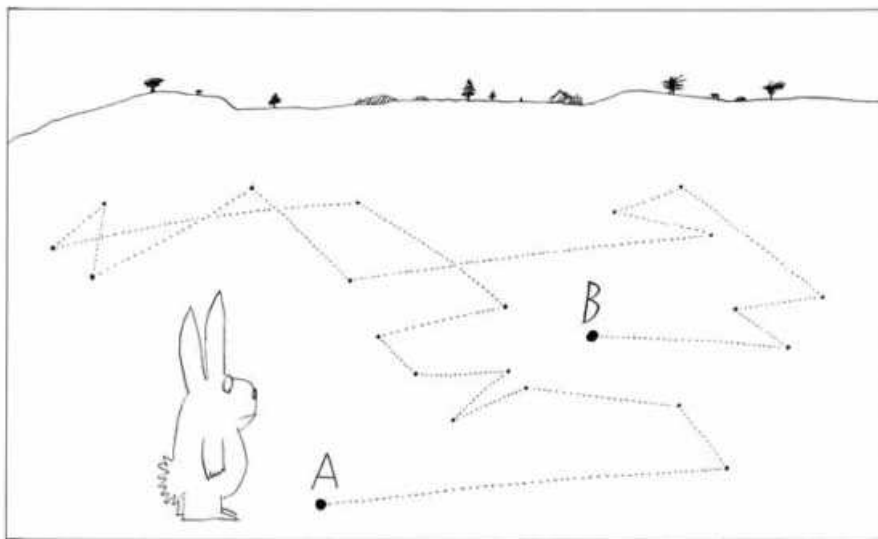
Dog Remembers Home

NATURAL HISTORY (3 OF 4)



Cat Pounces on Sound

NATURAL HISTORY (4 OF 4)



STEINBERG

Rabbit Measures Distance



J.J. Sempé (12/26/1983)

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LITE BOOKS



R. Chast



"I really envy you your ability to think globally."



*“I’d like you to meet Harrison Spencer.
Mr. Spencer has a highly developed sense of money.”*



"This is where Herbert works out his aggressions."



"I just hope you like it. It comes from the Trump Tower."



"It's me, doll face—the whole ball of wax."



“Mrs. Leffler says lots of men settle for the first skirt that comes along and then spend the rest of their lives regretting it. Luther, was I your first skirt?”



"I want to talk to you, Thompson, colonel to colonel."



“Capital N, capital O, period.”



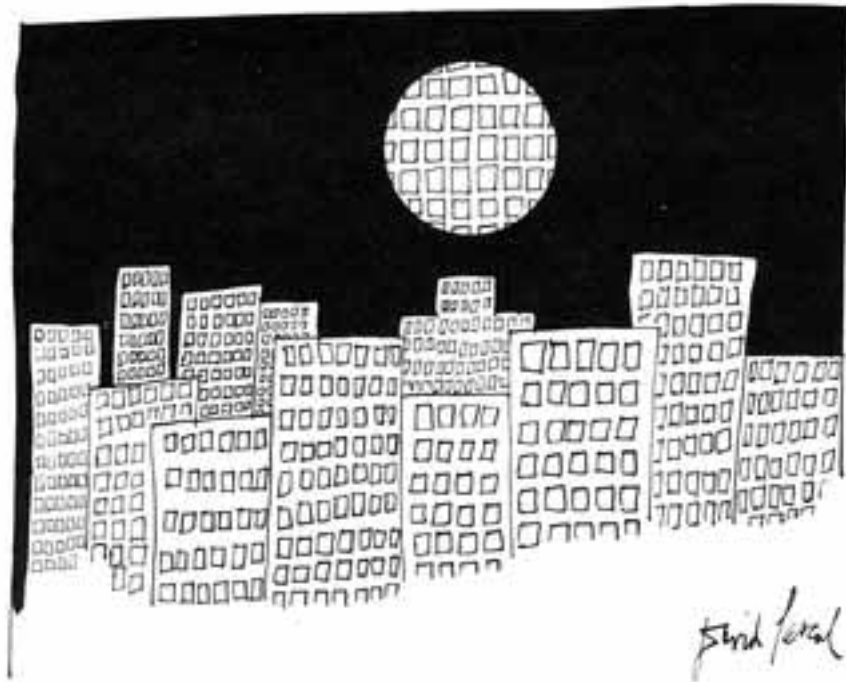
"Easy on the hallelujahs, Harry."



"I'll rise, but I'm damned well not going to shine."



"The Hell's Kitchen Gentrification Association meeting ran a little late."





*"I appreciate your thoroughness in calling,
Komplin, but I'll be better able to discuss
this tomorrow in my office."*